

Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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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: Tyler Nehls

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

Pianist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Tamara Weathersby & Kris Kochman

Fellowship: Tobalsky

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 43:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1–2a

The Gloria Patri is omitted from the Divine Service until Easter.



Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For You are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your | dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise You with the lyre, O | God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil
with- | in me?*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation | and
my God.

Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*

For You are the God in whom I take | refuge.

Kyrie-II

LSB 944, v. 1-3

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your
people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;
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 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!”
And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac,

whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Gradual

Ps. 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c



**Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*
 Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!
 [You] delivered me from my | enemies;*
 You rescued me from the man of | violence.**

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)¹²He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His

own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Stand

Tract for Lent

Psalm 129:1–4



“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—*
let Israel | now say—
“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,*
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.
The plowers plowed up- | on my back;*
they made long their | furrows.”
The LORD is | righteous;*
He has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

⁴⁶Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Apostles’ Creed *p192*
Sit

My Song Is Love Unknown *LSB 430*

Sermon

Stand

Offertory *p192*

Prayer of the Church

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

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The Words of Our Lord *p197*

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *p198*

Sit

Distribution

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing *LSB 421*

You Are the Way; through You Alone *LSB 526*

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness *LSB 563*

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word *LSB 655*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *(the Gloria Patri is omitted)* *p199*

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory *LSB 427*

+VDMA+
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, Gail Kulbacki, Rachel Higginbotham (friend of the Roemke family), and Arlene Maxwell & Sherry Blankenship (friends of Jim & Kathy Vescova).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22nd+

- ✘ **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** conclude this Wednesday. Matins at 9:00 am with Bible study (book of Lamentations) following around 9:30 am. Soup supper potluck at 5:45 pm and Vespers at 6:30 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to provide something for the soup potluck.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD:** The Altar Guild will host a cleaning session from 9 to 11 am this Saturday, March 28th in preparation for Easter. Everyone is welcome to assist. See Kris Kochman with any questions.
- ✘ **THRIVENT CHOICE:** Thank you to all of you who have directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah. In 2025, we received \$1,607 through this program. Any Choice Dollars you have now will expire on March 31st, so you must chose a beneficiary before then. Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.
- ✘ **EASTER BRUNCH:** We will have an Easter brunch potluck after the service on Easter morning. Biscuits, gravy, and sausage are being provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to provide a dish.
- ✘ **SOCIAL WELFARE:** The Shalom Center donation collection has been moved to the wheeled cart next to the round table in the fellowship hall.

ATTENDANCE 3/15: 107

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 3/21/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$3,909
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	-\$960
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$200

BIRTHDAYS

3/23 Todd Giese
3/27 Toni Marshman

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/28 Scott Tobalsky

ANNIVERSARIES

3/24 Barry & Robin Tegel (8 years)

+LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	3/25	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Monday	3/30	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Tuesday	3/31	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Wednesday	4/1	9:00 am	Spoken Divine Service
		6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Thursday	4/2	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	4/3	12:00 pm	Good Friday Chief Service
		6:30 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Saturday	4/4	7:21 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	4/5	9:00 am	Easter Divine Service with Brunch following