

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



**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**July 12, 2026**

**Divine Service IV**

# 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:** Mark Bernhardt

**Ushers:** TBD

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Tamara Weathersby & Dorothy McConville

## These Are the Holy Ten Commands

LSB 581, v. 1-4

*Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

p203

#### +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

*Sit*

## These Are the Holy Ten Commands

LSB 581, v. 5-10

*Stand*

### Kyrie

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### Gloria in Excelsis

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 20:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

## **These Are the Holy Ten Commands**

*LSB 581, v. 11-12*

### **Epistle**

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

*p205*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 5:17–26*

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment;

whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

**Nicene Creed** *p206*  
*Sit*

**All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall** *LSB 562*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offertory Hymn - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful** *LSB 955*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface** *p208*

**Sanctus**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *p209*

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** *p210*

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**The Law of God Is Good and Wise** *LSB 579*

**Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ** *LSB 565*

**May God Bestow on Us His Grace** *LSB 824*

**Glory Be to Jesus** *LSB 433*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *p211*

**Post-Communion Collect** *p212*

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

**Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain** *LSB 865*

**+VDMA+**

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum**  
**The Word of the Lord endures forever**

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Lena Roemke, Kendra Vallis, Rianon Asbury, Exavier Padro, and 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, Jim Knuth, Rachel Higginbotham (friend of the Roemke family), Carol (friend of Pam Sommer), Chuck Nielsen (brother of Sandy Martin), Arlene Maxwell & Sherry Blankenship (friends of Jim & Kathy Vescova), Karen Martin (mother of Robin Tegel), and Mike Laughlin.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12<sup>th</sup>+**

- ✘ **KINGFISH GAME:** Our Kingfish outing this year will be Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 pm. Tickets are \$12 each and include a free hat. There is also a bucket hat giveaway that day, so plan to get there on time to snag one. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway and get your payment to Lesa by Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, cash or checks made out to the Kenosha Kingfish.
- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT:** Our next Fire Night will be Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE 7/5: 75**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 7/11/26**

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$3,073
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	-\$1,796
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$300

**BIRTHDAYS**

7/14 Meri Jo Cleereman  
7/15 Kendra Vallis  
7/18 Luke Tobalsky

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

7/15 Cora Szela  
7/18 Dave Mickelsen  
Cheryl Moe  
Valerie Zuehls