

Messiah Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Œculi Sunday, Lent III March 23, 2014 Divine Service III

Luke 11:21-22 “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with: he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours – and we have none to fear.

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**



A word about the Communion practice of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod:

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 may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are provided by the DelFrate Family in honor of Olivia's birthday.

FELLOWSHIP TREATS: Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Quantities needed and instructions are also listed there.

Stand

Invocation

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To you, | O LORD,*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

Glorify 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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Kyrie-II

LSB 944 sts. 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

Chanted

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16–24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.”’ ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

Gradual

Ps. 9:19, 3



Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!
When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before your | presence.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

Stand

Lenten Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Agnus Dei *sung by choir*

Sit

Distribution

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The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord LSB 634

In God, My Faithful God LSB 745

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God Has Spoken by His Prophets LSB 583

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Keith Kentala & Jacob Kentala

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Altar Guild: Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

Organist: Monica Scholz

Cookies: None

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek, Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and for veterans.
- ✘ The family of Arby Tobalsky.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Fred Dissen, Wally Pipkorn, Arby Tobalsky, Bill Dissen, Alison Daughtery (Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Carla Krueger (cousin of Becky Noble), Dale Nichols (Karen's husband), Diane Gundlach, Faith Peyron, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's Aunt), Diane Horschak (Debi Tauschek's mother), and Sheryl Peitzman (Lesa Roemke's mother).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2014+

- ✘ **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** are Wednesday evenings at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are located in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up to bring soup, bread and butter, or a beverage.
- ✘ **SPAGHETTI DINNER:** CLA Spaghetti Dinner is back! It will be held on Friday, April 4th at 5:30 pm at Messiah. The cost will be a suggested donation of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under) or \$25 per family. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall if you're interested in making a donation.
- ✘ **SPRING CLEANING:** Yesterday's spring cleaning has been postponed due to a funeral. We will reschedule for a later date, as yet to be determined. Stay tuned!
- ✘ **OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY:** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: A Lutheran Army Chaplain & the Trial of the Nazis, The Big Bang Theory, Jesus Heals a Blind Man, The Annunciation of Our Lord and more. You can listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Christ Lutheran Academy is at a crossroads. The school board will be deciding at this week's meeting whether to close the school at the end of this term or to try to continue to operate. The attendance for next year will be down to 14 children. There are staffing changes to be made. And there is a growing unpaid balance of staff benefits which has been unable to be paid for lack of funds. If you have ANY opinion, questions, comments or concerns, please talk to:

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INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 3/12 & 3/16:	\$4,621
Difference Received vs. Needed:	\$904
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	\$1,427

ATTENDANCE Sunday 3/16: 144 Communed: 106

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT MESSIAH

Monday	March 24	LWML Meeting	8:30am
Tuesday	March 25	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Wednesday	March 26	CLA Divine Service	8:15am
		Women's Bible Study	9:00am
		Lenten Soup Supper	5:30pm
		Service of Prayer & Preaching	6:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH

Friday	April 4	CLA Spaghetti Dinner	5:30 am
Saturday	April 12	Confessions Study	9:30 am

BIRTHDAYS

3/23 Todd Giese
 3/25 Victor Garcia
 3/26 Olivia DelFrate
 3/27 Toni Marshman
 John Scholz
 Kathryn Vinanskie
 3/28 Michael Brothers

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/28 Scott Tobalsky
 3/29 Bob Hagerman

ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this week

