# Messiah Kutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## The Kast Bunday of the Church Year Rovember 23, 2014 Divine Bervice I

Matthew 25:4 "....but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

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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. <u>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.</u>

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.

#### +SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

**Elder:** Don Moe **Ushers:** Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon **Organist:** Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Kathy Capriotti & Bonnie Griepentrog

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Brothers. **Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by the Brothers in honor of

Lindsey's and Veronica's birthdays.

Stand

Invocation p151

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+

Entrance Hymn God, My King, Thy Might Confessing CLA Choir **Kyrie** p152 This Is the Feast p155

Salutation and Collect of the Day



- $\mathbf{P}$ Let us pray.
- P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Isaiah 65:17-25

Old Testament Reading

17. For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth. and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create:

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,

and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer;

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual



Ps. 45:14-15

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,\* with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

With joy and gladness they are | led along\* as they enter the palace | of the king.

**Epistle** 

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you

like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse



**Holy Gospel** 

Matthew 25:1–13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

### **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

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#### +PRAYER LIST+

- ♣ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ♣ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ♥ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ♣ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women's Bible Study is supporting.
- \*For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Pastor Hackbarth (recovering from a brain bleed), Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch suffering from cancer), Ann Becht (Bev Murakami's sister suffering from liver cancer), Jerry Tobalsky, and Marilyn Dissen.

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2014+

**THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE** will be this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. **VOTERS MEETING:** We will have a congregational voters meeting on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after the service. Please plan to attend.

MARY KAY FUNDRAISER: Do you know anyone who uses Mary Kay skin and cosmetics and would like a rare discount? Want to shop for gifts early and help CLA? For November only, you can purchase products at a 25% discount, and CLA will receive a matching donation. Today is the last day; please talk to Lauri Trapp to make an order.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY FESTIVAL:** will be Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30. This event is intended as an outreach to the community as well as a way to make people more aware of CLA. It will be lots of fun for kids of all ages. There will be crafts, Christmas caroling, snacks, and of course, a visit from St. Nicholas himself. Please use the flyer in your bulletin to share this event with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. If you would like additional flyers, please see Lesa.

**BISCOTTI & BAKLAVA:** Christ Lutheran Academy's Annual Biscotti & Baklava fundraiser is now available for your orders. We have added French Macarons this year as well. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please support CLA by ordering these delectable treats for you and your family. They make wonderful gifts too! Orders will be delivered on Sunday, December 7th.

**POINSETTIAS:** The chart to sign-up for Christmas poinsettias is in the fellowship hall. We will only order flowers that have been paid for, so

please pay for the flowers you want by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place your check in the envelope attached to the chart. See Gail Kulbacki with any questions.

**PICTURES:** We would like to take new pictures of our members to update the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall. Marge will be taking pictures on Sundays, so please see her to have your picture taken when you are ready.

**ADVENT MEALS:** We are going to have potluck dinners before our Wednesday Advent services, similar to what we do during Lent. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the fellowship hall soon. Meals will start at 5:30 with the services starting at 6:30.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** We will decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> immediately after the service.

**ORNAMENTS NEEDED:** Please bring an angel ornament or a bell-shaped ornament in gold, silver, or white to add to our Christmas tree on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have one tree in the sanctuary and one tree in the narthex. Thanks for your help.

#### **INCOME**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 11/16:	\$2,996
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$721
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	-\$27,881

ATTENDANCE Sunday 11/16: 127 Communed: 102

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH

11/26	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
		Thanksgiving Divine Service	6:30 pm
12/6	Sat	St. Nicholas Day Festival	4:30 pm
12/7	Sun	Congregational Voters Meeting	10:30 am
12/13	Sat	Lutheran Confessions Study	9:30 am

	BIRTHDAYS	BAPTIS	SM BIRTHDAYS
11/23	Lindsey Brothers	11/23	Matthew Knull
11/25	Stephanie Zuehls	11/25	Maggie Gerlach
11/27	Bruce Eisenbraun		Natalie Stephans
	Paula Koch	11/29	Artyom Varvil
11/28	Denise Jacobs		Sergei Varvil

**ANNIVERSARY:** 11/24 Louis & Kathy Capriotti