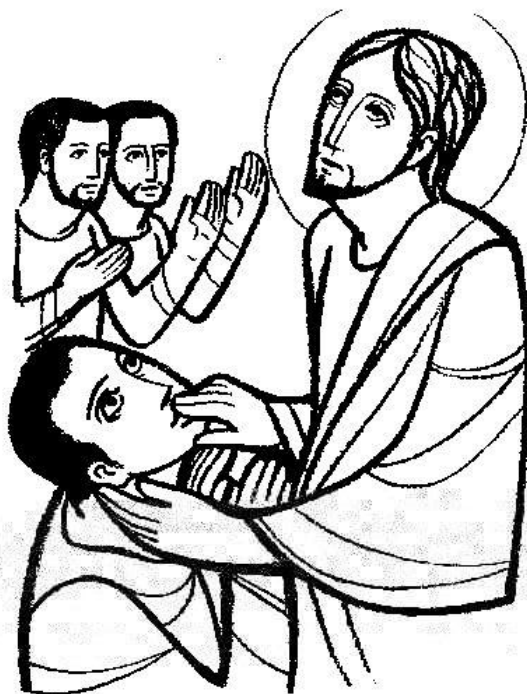


# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## Oculi - Third Sunday in Lent February 28, 2016 Divine Service III

*Luke 11:21-22* “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 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 is stronger than Satan and He disarms him for us. But 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.

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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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.**

**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:** Tyler Nehls      **Ushers:** Sam Braya & Roger Jeschke

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson      **Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Doris Colombe & Kathy Capriotti

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Varvil Family.

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**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.**

**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.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
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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

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.



**G** A - - - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 8:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Then 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.’”

<sup>17</sup>And 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. <sup>18</sup>The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast.

<sup>19</sup>Then 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.

<sup>20</sup>Then 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. <sup>21</sup>Or 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. <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>Thus I will put a division between my people and your

people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”””””<sup>24</sup> And 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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*

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

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

#### Lenten Verse



**C** 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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

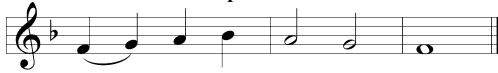
<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign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

<sup>24</sup>“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.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>27</sup>As 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!”

<sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

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## Lord of Our Life

*LSB 659*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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**Offering**

Cross of Jesus

MLC Choir

*Stand***Prayer of the Church****+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+****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*****Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness***

LSB 788

***For Me to Live Is Jesus***

LSB 742

***God Has Spoken by His Prophets***

LSB 583

***Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray***

LSB 663

*Stand***Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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***Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure***

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**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Evan Smith, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Ruthie, Amy, Ron Hulke, Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers, Marge Pohjola (friend of Kelvin and Vicky Nelson), Carol Vescova, MacKenna Marinarli (Gail Kulbacki's granddaughter), Chuck Brothers, Wally Pipkorn, Paul (Donna Primuth's son-in-law), and John Hernandez.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 28, 2016+**

- ❖ **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** continue this Wednesday. Meals are served at 5:30. Please refer to the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall to see what you can bring.
- ❖ **EASTER FLOWERS:** Help beautify our altar on Easter Sunday by purchasing flowers. The sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Please sign-up and pay by March 6<sup>th</sup>. You can take them home after the service on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. These potted plants can be planted in your yard or garden. Contact Bonnie Griepentrog (262-331-0087) or any Altar Guild member with any questions.
- ❖ **ALTAR CLEANING:** The Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to clean the candelabras, communion ware, and the altar area in preparation for Easter. Anyone who would like to assist us in cleaning is welcome to participate. A light lunch will be provided. Contact Bonnie Griepentrog (262-331-0087) or any Altar Guild member with any questions.
- ❖ **LWML MITES** will be collected in the fellowship hall today.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Tuesday	Mar. 1	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	Mar. 2	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Saturday	Mar. 12	10:00 am	Altar Cleaning
Saturday	Mar. 19	9:30 am	Confessions Study

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 2/21-2/27:	\$3,319
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$35
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$2,310

**ATTENDANCE** 2/21: 132

Communed: 110

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/28	Lena Roemke
3/1	Stacey Cleereman
3/2	Myrtle Meier
3/4	Terry Sommer
3/5	Richard Cleereman

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/29	Elise Walther
3/2	Kyli Lanhardt
	Lilly Lanhardt
	Alexa Szela
3/3	Eric Davidson
3/5	Billy Weathersby