

Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Misericordias Domini
The Third Sunday of Easter
+ With the Rite Confirmation +

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Divine Service II

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 Varvil

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: Donna Boyd

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Angela Pynaker & Kim Collina

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*
Praise befits the | upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death*
and keep them alive in | famine.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
he is our help | and our shield.

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.

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Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21–25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 10:11–16

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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+RITE OF CONFIRMATION+

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired

Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Ryan, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, he may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus

Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory - New Testament Canticle

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Preface

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Benediction

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464

+VDM A+
Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, Trey Ericson, and veterans.
- ✘ The family and friends of John Winter.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Jen Bertz, Vicki Basquez, and Yvonne Batsakis (Kathy Watson's mother).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23rd+

- ✘ **CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION:** You may notice the below information regarding contributions looks different. Contributions fluctuate greatly from week to week, so we felt that providing weekly numbers was not helpful. Going forward, we will share year-to-date numbers instead. The first line is our yearly expense budget prorated to the current date. The Lord's Work is all unrestricted contributions that go toward general operating expenses. Restricted contributions are ones designated for specific purposes outside of general operating expenses, such as the pews and mortgage payoff. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact our Treasurer, Brent Jiter, or our Bookkeeper, Lesa Roemke.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 4/21:	\$78,838
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 4/21:	\$77,003
Difference:	-1,835
Restricted contributions YTD as of 4/21:	\$16,278
Mortgage Balance as of 3/17:	\$35,680

ATTENDANCE 4/16: 115

BIRTHDAYS

4/25 Matthew McConville

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4/23 Christa Hegland
 4/28 Mark Bernhardt
 Mark Mielke
 Jude Nevius

ANNIVERSARIES

4/27 Frank & Joan Chianelli (49 years)