

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



**The Baptism of our Lord**

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**Divine Service I**

# 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:** Tyler Nehls

**Ushers:** TBD

**Greeter:** Doug Hill

**Organist:** Henry Buehrens

**Altar Guild:** Kris Kochman & Cara Zietz

# I Bind Unto Myself Today

LSB 604

Stand

## Confession and Absolution

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### +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

#### Introit

*Ps. 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20*



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\***  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all**  
**gener- | ations.**

He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”

**And I will make him the | firstborn,\***  
**the highest of the kings | of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

## Kyrie

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## Gloria in Excelsis

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.” . . .

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

<sup>13</sup>“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

## Gradual

*Ps. 72:18–19*



**Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*  
who alone does | wondrous things.**

**Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever;\***

**may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and |  
Amen!**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Sit*

## To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

*LSB 406*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

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## Prayer of the Church

## Offertory

*Sit*

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## +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

*Stand*

## Preface

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## Sanctus

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Lord's Prayer

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## The Words of Our Lord

<b>Pax Domini</b>	<i>p163</i>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	
<i>Sit</i>	
Distribution	
<b>To Jordan's River Came Our Lord</b>	<i>LSB 405</i>
<b>From God the Father Virgin Born</b>	<i>LSB 401</i>
<b>Baptismal Waters Cover Me</b>	<i>LSB 616</i>
<b>Jesus Once with Sinners Numbered</b>	<i>LSB 404</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	<i>p165</i>
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	<i>p166</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Hail O Source of Every Blessing</b>	<i>LSB 409</i>

**+ V D M A +**

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

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Rev. Dave & Judy Dissen (relatives of Marilyn Dissen), Michelle Knoll, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Vernon Koch, Pat Tomsheck, Connie Bernhardt (mother of Mark Bernhardt), Yvonne Batsakis (mother of Kathy Watson), and Jane Gundlach.

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

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** At 9:30 am we will study the hymn I Bind Unto Myself Today (LSB 604). At 6:30 pm we will continue our discussion of the Book of Concord and close with Compline.
- ✘ **STEWARDSHIP:** *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, If we do not give up. So then as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are the household of faith.” Galatians 6:9-10* God’s Blessings to you all in the new year! Thanks to your collective stewardship this past December we have restored our checkbook balances. This is enabling us to take important actions with our finances and helping us to stay on track as we begin 2025. See the weekly email newsletter for further details.
- ✘ **ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Thank you to all of you who updated your authorization forms in December. If you want to make any changes to your recurring transaction, please speak to Lesa and she will give you instructions for doing that online or in the mobile app. Our new giving site is now active at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZP2Z> There is a link on our website and in each weekly email newsletter. For those using the mobile app, please use the invite code LTQP8Y.
- ✘ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** There will be no choir practice on January 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Lord’s Work contributions budget YTD as of 1/10:	\$7,413
Lord’s Work contributions received YTD as of 1/10:	\$5,080
Difference:	-\$2,333
Restricted contributions YTD as of 1/10:	\$415
Mortgage Balance as of 12/18:	\$8,590

**ATTENDANCE 1/5: 116**

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/12 Sarah Billings  
1/14 Jeff Zuehls  
1/15 Alex Gerlach  
Nyssa Zuehls  
1/17 Evone Hagerman

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/12 Tamara Weathersby  
1/16 Mike McConville

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1/12 Mark & LeAnn Varvil (29 years)  
1/17 Paul & Mary Rusch (55 years)