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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: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Henry Buehrens

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Gabby Nevius

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 107:1, 8, 24–25; antiphon: Ps. 107:28–29



Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
He made the | storm be still,*
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!**
Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!
**They saw the deeds | of the LORD,*
his wondrous works | in the deep.**
For he commanded and raised the | stormy wind,*
which lifted up the waves | of the sea.

**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.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.
He made the | storm be still,*
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 1:1-17

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

⁷And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” ¹³Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Gradual

Psalm 102:15–16



**Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.**

Epistle

Romans 8:18–23

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:23–27

²³When [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” ²⁶And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

Sit

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

LSB 557

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

Sit

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

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Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me *LSB 715*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less *LSB 576*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past *LSB 733*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save *LSB 717*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p165*

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Benediction

Jesus, Lead Thou On *LSB 718*

+VDMA+

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), Michelle Knull, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Vernon Koch, Pat Tomsheck, Connie Bernhardt (mother of Mark Bernhardt), Yvonne Batsakis (mother of Kathy Watson), Jane Gundlach, Doug Moe (brother of Don Moe), and Kathy Knutell.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2nd+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** At 9:30 am we will study the hymn Oh Wondrous Type O Vision Fair (LSB 413). At 6:30 pm we will continue our discussion of the Book of Concord and close with Compline.
- ✘ **2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are in your mailboxes. Please see Evone Hagerman with any questions.
- ✘ **2025 FLOWER CHART** is up on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. Please sign up to provide altar flowers.
- ✘ **MORTGAGE PAYOFF FUND:** Our mortgage will be paid off in the very near future. Thank you to all who have contributed extra to our mortgage payoff fund, enabling us to pay it off early and saving us thousands in interest. Going forward, any contributions made to this fund will be applied to our Capital Improvement Fund to fund improvement projects that our general fund is not able to cover. Please consider giving a little extra to this fund on a regular basis if you are able.
- ✘ **CRAFT NIGHT** is this Friday from 6-8 pm. Bring your current craft project and enjoy an evening of fellowship.
- ✘ **FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEEDED:** We are in need of someone to fill the position of Financial Secretary, and we thank Evone Hagerman for her 3+ years of service in this role. This job does not require a lot of time and can be done at home if you have a computer or laptop. Please speak to Tyler Nehls or Mark Bernhardt if you are interested in helping out in this way.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 1/31:	\$22,557
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 1/31:	\$15,091
Difference:	-\$7,466
Restricted contributions YTD as of 1/31:	\$565
Mortgage Balance as of 1/17:	\$4,710

ATTENDANCE 1/26: 110

BIRTHDAYS

2/4 Bill Walsh

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Vicky Nelson

2/4 Louie Capriotti

2/6 Brooke Koch