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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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Second Sunday in Lent
(February 28th, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 vv 1-3

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Baptism- Autumn Lammers 8:00am
During 8am service, Confession and Absolution, the Creed, and the Lords Prayer are included in the baptism rite.

Confession and Absolution P 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31; antiphon: v. 22

- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴**For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**
²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸**For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰**Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen**

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you

the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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.**

**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. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420 vv 4-7

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn

And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.

All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:

Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,

For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,

For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Sermon

“Have You Been Forsaken”

Psalm 22:21

Prayer of the Church

Offering

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord P 209

Pax Domini P 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei P 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousnes" LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,

Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

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C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,

Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus

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- P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;

And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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2nd Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
Psalm 22:21



Have You Been Forsaken?

King David writes this psalm, Psalm 22, from a point of desperation. We don't know the specifics of that, however, by his words we know that he's facing death.

“Psalms 22:1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? **2** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.” (Psalm 22:1–2 [ESV](#))

- When are times that it's seemed like God was so far away from you? Maybe you're going through this right now.

- Why does it seem like God is so distant and not hearing your prayers? Is it something you've done in the past, or in which you are currently caught up?

- The early Church Father, Ambrose, had this to say concerning this Psalm: *He is the Lord by nature but a brother by grace.* ON THE PATRIARCHS 4.17. *What does this mean? And what does this mean for you?*

- Christ fulfilled Psalm 22 on the cross. King David was saved *from* death. Jesus was not. He was saved *through* the resurrection. How does your Baptism into Jesus bring comfort in times when God seems so distant? (He's not distant, by the way. He's always *with you*.)

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
February 28th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	Ray Seeley, John O'Connor Billy Diaz, Matt Bonnell	8:00am 10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	Aaron Schultz, Ryan Schultz Adrianna Atencio, Aaliyah Atencio	8:00am 10:30am
Ushers	Josh Ammon, Ben Faye Art Peterson, Curtis Peterson	8:00am 10:30am

These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.

But, we will get through it together by the grace of God.

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,
Physical, or any other need:**

We are here for you.

Pastor Redeker: (314) 608-5538

Pastor Schmidt: (314) 261-3180

Announcements February 28th, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- Call meeting for principal today at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Candidates will be presented for congregational vote.

URGENT-we still need lots of help with Communion Clean up.

We are also in need of a **CO-Chairman for the Altar guild.**

Please consider these as a GREAT way to serve your church and Lord.

If you need training or information, please contact Laura Ryden (970) 260-6766 cell

GREETER- GETTING BACK TO NORMAL! AT LEAST TRYING TO.

Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help signup sheet. We need greeters for March 2021.

Lutheranism 101- Come find out what it means to be Lutheran!! Our Christian family is pretty big! And, if you haven't realized it yet, Lutherans are a little different. Come, find out some of our differences with our Adult Instruction Class coming up!!! The first three Saturdays of March (6th, 13th, and 20th) from 9am-Noon we will be meeting in our Fellowship Hall.

This is the perfect time for members to come and sharpen their doctrine too!! Upon the completion of this class, anyone may decide whether or not they care called to be a church member here with us at Messiah.

LENT SERVICES: Wednesday at 7pm
March 3rd- "Wrestle Now"

March 10th- "Heal Together"

March 17th- "Surrender Stronger"

March 24th- "Bearing Fruits"

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 1ST

AT 7:00PM WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST COMMUNION.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2ND AT 12:30PM & 7:00PM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00AM

EASTER TRADITIONAL 10:30AM

EASTER CARDS- \$5.00 a box. Please contact Romaine Webb-Ladies Guild

MESSIAH ALUMNI- The Evangelism Committee is putting together a alumni list and we need your HELP. Please send Name, Address, Phone Number, and Class/Year attended so we can update the list. We are trying to accomplish this by Easter. Thanks! Please send information to

boemessiah2021@gmail.com. Question? Call Beth at 970-361-0794, Lynn 970-234-2323, or Artiss 970-270-3517.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE- *40 Days for Life is a time of prayer and fasting to end abortion around the world.* Beit

Lechem has asked Messiah to partner with them by praying over the "Women's Health Care of Western Colorado" on Tuesdays during Lent.

This would be from February 17th to March 28th. Please, pray daily for this cause and sign up to pray in person at:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/fruits>

Daily devotionals may be found on their website:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/resources-devotionals.aspx> For more

information, contact Wanda Brock at (970) 216-6364

THANK YOU- Last Saturday evening, residents of Mesa View were surprised to find cards hanging on their doors hand-crafted lovingly by students and others from Messiah Lutheran Church and School. There were many different messages, but the underlying message of all brought a reminder of God's love to all of us who have been unable to attend church for so long. Thank you to all who participated in this endeavor; it was greatly appreciated. We hope to be able to see you in church soon. Jody Nestler

Ushers- needed for 10:30 service for March. If you are willing to help, please contact Matt Meyer who is now the Usher coordinator for the 10:30 services. He can be reached by phone at 402-750-9705 Email: 29rangermeyer@gmail.com.

GIFT PLANNING- Surveys indicate that most people who give to support ministry are not highly motivated by tax issues. They are motivated by God's grace. Yet those who support the Lord's work want to be wise about the management of God's gifts and this means paying attention to the impact of taxation on the use of those gifts. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin that consideration. Contact Jason Jones at

Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS-

Mark 8:32 - "And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

January/February Income:

Week of Feb. 18-24	\$13,500.38
Weekly need	\$19,258.00
Month to date	\$74,774.33
Monthly need	\$83,451.37

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Congregational Meeting
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	7:00pm	Lent Service
Thursday	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
	6:00pm	Board of Stewardship
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	9:00am	New Member Class
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live/BRP
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.