

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
(March 22, 2020)

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† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 142 (antiphon: v. 5)



¹With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;*
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.
²I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;*
I tell my trouble be- | fore him.
³When my spirit faints within me,
you | know my way!*
In the path where I walk
they have hidden a | trap for me.
⁴Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice | of me;*
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares | for my soul.
⁵I cry to you, | O LORD;*
I say, “You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the | living.”
⁶Attend to my cry,
for I am brought | very low!*
Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too | strong for me!
⁷Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks | to your name!*
The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully | with me.
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.

⁵I cry to you, | O LORD;*
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the | living."

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,

and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.
⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called

Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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**Those Serving In
The Worship Service Sunday Morning
March 22, 2020**

Preacher Rev. Joshua Schmidt
Liturgist Rev. Michael Redeker
Organist Marilyn Smith
Singing Neal & Candy Kaspar
Cantor Sam Buchman

Announcements

March 22, 2020

OPEN FORUM - TODAY, March 22nd, at 1:00pm. The congregation is invited a special of the proposed handicap accessible driveway and ask questions. [You may join the presentation by clicking on this link: https://zoom.us/j/200661279](https://zoom.us/j/200661279) or calling in at: [, ,200661279#](tel:9702452838)

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, March 29th, at 1:00pm. We will be voting on the proposed handicap accessible driveway on the north side of the church. <https://zoom.us/j/922529886> or call in at: [, ,922529886#](tel:9702452838)

FOOD PANTRY - We need vegetables, rice, and complete meals in a box, spam, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, saltine crackers, powdered milk, cereal, toilet paper, and toothpaste. Please check the expiration dates on food items you are donating. We cannot give out expired food and dented cans. Thank you for being a blessing to others!!! [To get an updated list of items, click here: https://volunteersignup.org/9TEX4](https://volunteersignup.org/9TEX4)

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY - Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR - Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

ONLINE GIVING: Click online giving on the front page of our website www.messiahlutheran.org to set up reoccurring offering or a onetime donation.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT - "I cry to you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living' " (Ps. 142:5). The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, and He is in control. We can follow His Word in confidence. (from the LCMS Stewardship website) -The Board of Stewardship

LOVING OTHERS IS “MESSY” - The theme for this year’s Lenten services examines the command to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Although the command is used throughout the Bible, loving others isn’t easy.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE - The Bakeless Bake Sale is under way! The Ladies Guild projects chosen this year will support: Bibles for 3rd graders, 6 months support of radio ministry, future industrial stove in the kitchen, church office supplies, quilters group, missionaries of the Vanderhyde family and a seminary student. Your donation may be dropped in the collection plate or mailed. Please make your checks out to Ladies Guild of Messiah. Wondering what the Bakeless Bake Sale is! More information is available on the shelf in the narthex. Thank you for your generous support.

THRIVENT NAMETAGS - If you have sponsored an event and have extra nametags laying around, we can use them for next Unity Sunday, April 19th. Just drop them in the box on shelf in Narthex. Thanks!

PLEASE HELP - We will need help moving items from a member’s estate sale on Monday, March 23rd, at 4:00pm. We will meet in the west parking lot of the church. These items will be sold at the Annual Yard Sale. Thank you!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - Messiah Lutheran will be hosting the Financial Peace University class again this spring. Lisa Moore and Heather Meyer will be teaching the 9-week course. We are able to offer you the class for only \$109. This gives you a full year of online videos, worksheets, money apps and more. Learn how to live like no one else so you live and give like no one else. Classes will be Thursday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm, starting April 16th. Sign up at <https://fpu.com/1085431>. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Krizman at krizclan@hotmail.com or 970-208-2345.

MONDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - beginning Monday March 2 through April 20, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, join Beth Weber in the Fellowship Hall in the study of Deb Burma's book, "JOY", the study of Philippians. Books are available through CPH.

URGENT NEED COMMUNION SETUP AND CLEANUP - The Holy Communion signup sheet is in need of people to help in setting up and cleaning up of communion. Set Up is needed for the months of August, and October. Clean up is needed for the months of June, September, November and December. Please prayerfully consider helping. We are more than willing to train or help in anyway. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-241-0438 for more information.

HOLY COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES OF 2020 - need volunteers. Our thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord. Contact Laura Ryden, 970-260-6766.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund by March 31st. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836.

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

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Online
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Online
	9:30am	5 th - 8 th Grade First Communion Class/Online
Monday	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	4:00pm	Unload Estate Sale Items
	6:00pm	Monday Evening Women's Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	9:30am	Office Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Board of Evangelism
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	10:30am	Genesis/Pastor Schmidt/Online
	12:15pm	Brown Bag Bible Study/Pastor Redeker/Acts
Thursday		
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	9:30am	Good News Bible Study/Virginia Saunders
Saturday		
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	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Online
	9:30am	5 th - 8 th Grade First Communion Class/Online