

and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 66:8-20 (antiphon: v. 8)

- ⁸Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹**who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**
- ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- ¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**
- ¹²you let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.
- ¹³**I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will perform my vows to you,**
- ¹⁴that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
- ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
- ¹⁷**I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.**
- ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

**¹⁹But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**²⁰Blesséd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

**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.**

**⁸Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,**

Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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**P Glory be to God on high,
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon
us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

**O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we
may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding
accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear

of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn “This Is the Spirit's Entry Now”

LSB 591

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
 The water and the Word,
 The cross of Jesus on your brow,
 The seal both felt and heard.
- 2 This miracle of life reborn
 Comes from the Lord of breath;
 The perfect Man from life was torn;
 Our life comes through Christ's death.
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
 That we must die each day
 To rise again by His design
 As foll'wers of His way.
- 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
 For Your baptismal pow'r
 That washes us through all our days;
 Lord, cleanse again this hour.

Sermon “A Tangible Faith”

1 Peter 3:21

Offertory

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- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from
 me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free
 spirit. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Farewell and Godspeed

Tessa Miller

Lord's Prayer

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- 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus

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- P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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- 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.**

Graduation

Soren Ashcraft, Isaac Dady, Luke Fay,
Cyrus Lawrence, Makayla Peck, and Savannah Stone

Closing Hymn

“God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness
 To inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes
 Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine
 To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,
 Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

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**Those Serving In
The Worship Service Sunday Morning
May 17, 2020**

Preacher Rev. Joshua Schmidt
Liturgist Rev. Michael Redeker
Organist Marilyn Smith
Videographer Glacia Peck

**Announcements
May 17, 2020**

WASHED IN THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM today, Scarlett Amalee Messenger daughter of William and Ashley Messenger. We pray for our Lord's richest blessings upon Scarlett and her parents.

THANK YOU, TESSA MILLER, - for your many, many, many years of service!!! You have been an inspiration to many and always remembered here at Messiah.

DEADLINE for the June Newsletter is Monday, May 18th by 9:00am. You may email Glacia at glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - The church office will be closed Monday, May 25th, for Memorial Day.

FOOD PANTRY -We need anything and everything! Vegetables, rice, and complete meals in a box, spam, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, saltine crackers, powdered milk, cereal, toilet paper, and toothpaste. We will continue to be open for those in need even through the stay at home order. Thank you for being a blessing to others!!!

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.messiahlutherangj.org to set up reoccurring offering or a onetime donation.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT- "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, "She was forgiven much, so she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins - and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "Love." (from the LCMS Stewardship website)

-The Board of Stewardship
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 for more information.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/8 th Grade Graduation/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Zoom
	1:30pm	Congregational Meeting
Monday	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
	9:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Tuesday	9:00am	Office Staff Meeting
	4:00pm	Sr. High / TBD
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel /Facebook Live
	6:00pm	Young Adults / TBD
Thursday	6:00pm	Men's Network
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study /Zoom

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

If you know anyone who is probably not receiving our online communications, do your best to fill them in.

*Our most recent updates will be on our Facebook Page:
Lutheran Church and School of Messiah*

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

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