

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



First Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2014 Divine Service I

Luke 2:39 “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . .” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

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 may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Carol Hernandez

Stand

Invocation

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

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Entrance Hymn-Coventry Carol

MLC Choir

Kyrie

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–5

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
 and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 45:2a, 1b



You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*
grace is poured up- | on your lips.
I address my verses | to the king;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

Epistle

Galatians 4:1–7

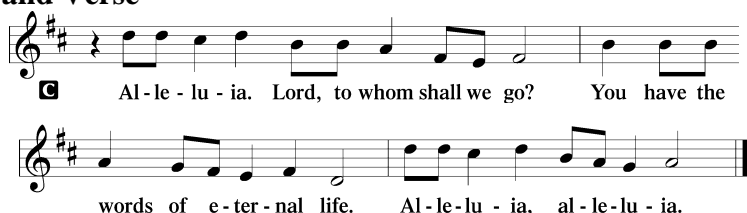
¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

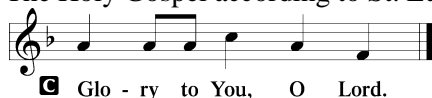


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:33–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

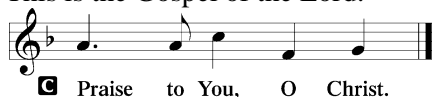
³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Let Our Gladness Have No End

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✠ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✠ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✠ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ✠ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women's Bible Study is supporting.
- ✠ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George

Metallo’s granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff’s aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch suffering from cancer), Ann Becht (Bev Murakami’s sister suffering from liver cancer), Jerry Tobalsky (recovering from surgery), Ron Hulke (diagnosed with cancer), Mike Gundlach (Sarah Billings’s cousin), Al Bradmon (Steve Billings’s cousin), and Wally and Gloria Pipkorn (hospitalized).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2014+

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up today. Even if you give to church via Simply Giving, please take your envelopes home with you.

BIBLE STUDY: Today and next Sunday we will be discussing the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church. There will be no Sunday School, but all children are welcome to attend with the adults. (There will be some coloring pages available.) The next three Sundays, Brent Jiter will lead us in a Bible study about Stewardship.

PASTOR AND LESA will be going to Indiana to visit family this week, so there will be no one in the office after Monday. Next week’s bulletin will be printed tomorrow, so if you have any announcements you want included in it, please let Lesa know today. If you need anything this week while they are gone, please do not hesitate to call Pastor’s cell phone, 262-455-0255.

INCOME

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord’s Work Received 12/17 & 12/21:	\$2,500
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$1,217
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	-\$31,550

ATTENDANCE Sunday 12/21: 127 Communed: 105

BIRTHDAYS

12/28	Jason Capriotti
	Bonnie Griepentrog
	Lauri Trapp
1/2	Tyler Schmidt
	Victoria Weber

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/31	Adam Leisten
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ANNIVERSARIES

12/29	Tyler & Deleen Nehls
12/30	Steve & Sarah Billings