

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Second Sunday in Advent December 6, 2015 Divine Service III

“Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:28 ESV) When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation – Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered and He will deliver the full victory to us in His Second Advent. Therefore we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now: for we have nothing to be afraid of.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. James A. Roemke, Pastor

2026 22nd Ave. Kenosha, WI 53140

Church Office: 262-551-8182 Pastor's Cell: 262-455-0255

Website: www.messiahkenosha.org

Church Email: secretary@messiahkenosha.org

Pastor's Email: pastorroemke@yahoo.com

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: Don Moe **Ushers:** Mike Snodgrass & Mark Varvil

Greeter: Vicky Nelson **Organist:** Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Carol Hernandez, Cara Russo-Bichsel, & Doris
Colombe

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Paul and Mary
Rusch in memory of Dad.

Stand

Invocation

p184

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+

Introit

Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30, 29



Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, | O God;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

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.

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*

and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Kyrie

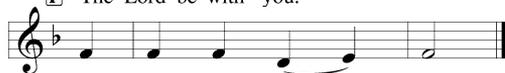
Salutation and Collect of the Day

p186

p189



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 50:2–3a, 5



Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;
“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

p190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

p192

Sit

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

p192

Sit

Offering

When Will the Little King Come?

MLC Choir

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface	<i>p194</i>
Sanctus	<i>p195</i>
Lord's Prayer	<i>p196</i>
The Words of Our Lord	<i>p197</i>
Pax Domini	
Agnus Dei	<i>p198</i>
<i>Sit</i>	
Distribution	
<i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>	<i>LSB 351</i>
<i>The King Shall Come When Morning Dawn</i>	<i>LSB 348</i>
<i>Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord</i>	<i>LSB 352</i>
<i>O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide</i>	<i>LSB 355</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
Nunc Dimittis	<i>p199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>p200</i>
Salutation and Benedicamus	<i>p201</i>
Benediction	<i>p202</i>
 <i>Once He Came in Blessing</i>	 <i>LSB 333</i>

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Cindy (friend of Geri Tobalsky), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers (recovering from a vehicle accident), Marge Pohjola (friend of Kelvin and Vicky Nelson), Carol Vescova, and MacKenna Marinarli (Gail Kulbacki's granddaughter).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2015+

- ✘ **ADVENT POTLUCKS:** We continue our tradition of having potluck meals before our Advent Evening Prayer services on Wednesdays. The

meals begin at 5:30 and each one has a theme. This week's theme is Italian. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

- ✘ **VOTERS' MEETING:** Our annual voters' meeting will be today immediately following the Divine Service.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Thank you to all of you who volunteered to buy gifts for the needy this Christmas season. There is one tag left. Please deliver your wrapped gifts to the church by 9 am next Sunday, December 13th. Contributions of gift cards or cash are also welcome.
- ✘ **CARDS:** Need a holiday card for someone special? New holiday cards have been added to the birthday, get well, anniversary, and sympathy cards in the binders. All proceeds purchase items for our kitchen and fellowship on Sundays. Thank you!

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 11/29:	\$5,183
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$1,915
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$2,571

ATTENDANCE 11/29: 174

Communed: 145

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Sunday	12/6	10:30 am	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday	12/9	5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
		7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	12/16	5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Asian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Thursday	12/17	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
Saturday	12/19	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Thursday	12/24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Children's Service
		11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
Friday	12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Divine Service

BIRTHDAYS

12/6	Matthew Grenyo
12/8	Nathan Corey
	Mark Varvil

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/9	Wally Pipkorn
12/11	Bill Kroll
	Nathan Corey
	Noah Corey
	Kelvin Nelson