

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Rorate Coeli

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Divine Service III

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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: Pastor Roemke

Elder: Tyler Nehls

Ushers: Sam Braya & Roger Jeschke

Greeters: Donna Boyd & Gail Kulbacki

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Bonnie Griepentrog

Cookies: Today's muffins and juice are provided by the Roemkes.

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+

Introit

Ps. 19:1, 4–6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a



Show, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

**The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words
to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
**which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of
them,*

and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

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.**

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and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

Kyrie-I

LSB 943

Sung three times.



Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 145:18, 21



The LORD is near to all who | call on him,*
to all who call on | him in truth.

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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

Holy Gospel

John 1:19–28

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Andy Warren, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, Richard Cleereman, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ The family of Carol Vescova, who mourn her loss.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Hernandez, Jason Stephans, Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Betty Nemeth (Mary Jo Jiter's sister), Gloria Pipkorn (recovering from a fall), Lorraine Swift (undergoing chemo), Roger Jeschke (recovering from surgery), and Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2016+

- ✘ **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER MIDWEEK SERVICES** conclude this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We will have a potluck meal before the service starting at 5:30. Each week has a different theme. This week's theme is Chili. Please sign up on the sheets in the hallway.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** On Christmas Eve, we will have a Service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 pm and a Midnight Divine Service at 11:00 pm. Christmas Day Divine Service will be held at 9:00 am.
- ✘ **BELLS:** If you are planning to come to the Service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve, please remember to bring some bells to ring.
- ✘ **AMAZON SMILE:** If you are planning to do any Christmas shopping on Amazon this year, be sure to sign up for Amazon Smile and a percentage of all your purchases will go to Messiah. Complete instructions can be found at the bottom of our email newsletters. Please see Lesa if you need help getting started or have questions about Amazon Smile.
- ✘ **LWML** is collecting both adult and children's pain meds for the Attic Ministries Workshop. A basket for collection is provided in the narthex. (Bottles may not be opened.)
- ✘ **ISSUES, ETC.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: A New Study on Marriage & Religious Affiliation, The Movie "Rogue One," Adam & Eve, Katie Luther, The Apostle Thomas and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 12/11-12/17:	\$3,618
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+34
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+13,477

ATTENDANCE 12/11: 144

Communed: 125

BIRTHDAYS

12/19 Jane Gundlach
Fran Kroll
Karen Nichols
12/24 Amy Walther

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/18 Dennis Metallo
Lindsey Brothers
Kaitlin Kentala
12/20 Fran Kroll
12/24 John Hernandez
Amy Walther

