

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Ad Te Levavi

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Divine Service III

Messiah Lutheran Church

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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: Mark Bernhardt

Ushers: Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Kris Kochman

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Paul & Mary Rusch in memory of Ed Matthaïdess.

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Louie & Kathy Capriotti.

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.

Sit

Entrance Hymn

“Fling Wide the Gates”

MLC Choir

Stand

Kyrie

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Benedictus

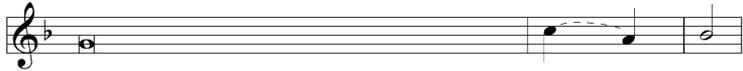
Youth Choir verses 1-6, All verse 7



1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most _____ High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan;
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for _____ us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore _____ Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate _____ us;
 3 to grant us that _____ we,
 4 all the days _____ of our life.
 5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5–8

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 25:3–4



None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 21:1–9

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332, Youth Choir v4

Sermon

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Offertory

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Offering

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Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution

Creator of the Stars of Night

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O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

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What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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Prepare the Royal Highway

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Thanksgiving

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Benediction

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Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Michael Shafer, Kevin Boyd, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, Wally & Gloria Pipkorn
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Eleanor Hogan (Ash Noble's grandmother), Arlo Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's grandnephew), Alberta Helmke, Linda McDonough (Terry Sommer's sister), and Pat Mills.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017+

- ✘ **VOTERS MEETING:** Our annual voters meeting will be held next Sunday, December 10th immediately following the Divine Service. Please plan to attend.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Please submit poinsettia payments if you have not already. See Lesa if you need to know how much you owe.
- ✘ **ADVENT MEALS & SERVICES:** Our midweek services continue this Wednesday. Advent Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 pm with a potluck meal at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are located in the hallway. This week's meal theme is Mexican.
- ✘ **ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL:** Our St. Nicholas Festival will be this Saturday, December 9th from 2-4 pm. This year we are celebrating Russia. It's a fun, free event for kids of all ages and is open to the public. There will be food, drinks, crafts, entertainment, and of course, storytime with St. Nick himself. If you would like to help with this event, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or talk to Tamara Weathersby.
- ✘ **YOUTH CHOIR:** There will be no practice this week.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Messiah Is again sponsoring gifts for several families in need. If you would like to help but don't prefer to shop, we will have a door offering today. Cash and gift cards will be collected (no checks, please). Volunteers will use the funds to purchase gifts.
- ✘ **COAT DRIVE:** Jacob Tobalsky is working with the One Warm Coat Foundation to collect winter coats for those in need this winter. If you have any coats you are no longer using and would like to donate to this cause, please bring them to church.

- ✘ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Senior, Children's, and Handbell Choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church (510 Kewaunee St. in Racine) invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 will feature guest organist Frederik M. Bach and flutist Kristina Beier. All in attendance are invited to a reception following the concert in the school cafeteria.
- ✘ **ISSUES ETC.** is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Joel Osteen's book "Blessed in the Darkness," 4th Century Bishop Saint Nicholas, John the Baptist Prepares the Way, Peter & John Heal a Lame Man and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Tuesday	Dec. 5	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Dec. 6	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Mexican
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Saturday	Dec. 9	2:00 pm	St. Nicholas Festival

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday	Dec. 6	6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	Dec. 13	6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	Dec. 20	6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Sunday	Dec. 24	9:00 am	Advent Divine Service
		7:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
Monday	Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Divine Svc.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 11/26-12/2:	\$5,104
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,155
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+1,228

ATTENDANCE 11/26: 161

Communed: 146

BIRTHDAYS

12/6 Matthew Grenyo
 12/8 Mark Varvil
 12/9 Mike McConville

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/8 Abby Hiebert-Schultz
 12/9 Wally Pipkorn