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Second Sunday in Advent

Populus Zion

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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: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Roger Jeschke & Mark Varvil

Greeter: Sandra Babel

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Kris Kochman

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. 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.”

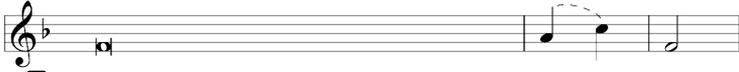
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and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Kyrie

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Benedictus



C 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 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.



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.

C 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

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A 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.



A 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.



P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336, MLC Choir v3

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Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Distribution

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

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Once He Came in Blessing

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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Nunc Dimittis

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Hark the Glad Sound

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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, George Metallo, and Bob Hagen.
- ✘ 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), Pat Mills, and Kathy Shafer (hospitalized).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017+

- ✘ **VOTERS MEETING:** Our annual voters meeting will be held immediately following the Divine Service today. Please plan to attend.
- ✘ **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 Asian.
- ✘ **FLOWER CHART:** The 2018 flower chart is up in the hallway. Altar arrangements are \$24 per Sunday. You are encouraged to take your flowers home after the service.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Thank you to all who adopted a person in need or contributed funds to shop for gifts. Please return wrapped gifts marked with the recipient's name to the church hall by next Sunday, December 17th. As of last Sunday, there were still 8 names available. Contact Kris Kochman with questions: 262.358.3359. One of the agencies we are helping is Kenosha Area Family & Aging Services. Another way to help those in need is by making donations to them. They need a toddler bed, dressers, table and chairs, kitchen tables, kitchen towels, potholders, utensils, and silverware. Contact Carmyn Hough: 262.658.3508.
- ✘ **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 today, 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.

- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** meets this Saturday, December 16th. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** All are invited to join us for Christmas caroling next Sunday, December 17th. We will meet at the home of Anita Brothers at 4:00 pm. After caroling, we will return there for a time of fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Contact Monica Scholz with any questions.
- ✘ **SENIOR MEALS:** There is information posted on the bulletin board in the hallway about meal delivery service for seniors. Please call 262-653-1410 for more information.
- ✘ **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: The Testimony of John the Baptist, Decorating Your Home for Advent, The Advent Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," Ways to Observe Advent 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+

Monday	Dec. 11	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	Dec. 12	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Dec. 13	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Asian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Saturday	Dec. 16	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Sunday	Dec. 17	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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 12/3-12/9:	\$5,376
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,397
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+2,625

ATTENDANCE 12/3: 152

Communed: 139

BIRTHDAYS

12/14 John Hernandez

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/11 Bill Kroll

12/12 Kelvin Nelson

12/14 Liam Pelas

12/15 Pastor Grenyo

12/16 Andrew Gerlach