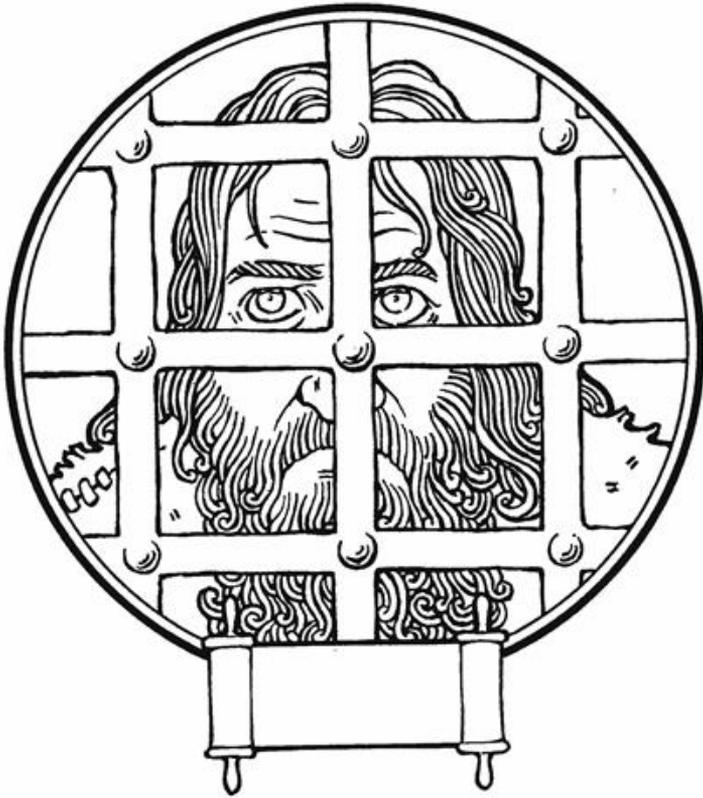


Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Third Sunday in Advent

Gaudete

December 17, 2017

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: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Brent Jiter

Ushers: Sam Braya & Mike Snodgrass

Greeter: Liz Schultz

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Kris Kochman

Cookies: Today's treats 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. 85:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Phil. 4:4–5



Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

again I will | say, Rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.*

The Lord | is at hand.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*

you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*

you covered | all their sin.

Will you not revive | us again,*

that your people may re- | joice in you?

Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak, *

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them
not turn back to | folly.

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.

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*

again I will | say, Rejoice.

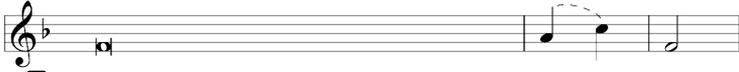
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Kyrie

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Benedictus



□ 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.



□ And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Voice Cries Out

MLC Choir

Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

¹This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are written below the staff.

G Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are written below the staff.

G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.””

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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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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When All the World Was Cursed

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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Benediction

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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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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 17, 2017+

- ✘ **ADVENT MEALS & SERVICES:** Our midweek services conclude 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 Soup, Salad, and Bread.
- ✘ **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.
- ✘ **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 CAROLING:** All are invited to join us for Christmas caroling today. 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: Media Coverage of Religion, Pop American Christianity, Christ in the Old Testament, The Birth of Jesus Foretold, The Lutheran Confessions, Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch 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. 18	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	Dec. 19	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Dec. 20	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Soup
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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 12/10-12/16:	\$4,066
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+117
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+2,742

ATTENDANCE 12/10: 137

Communed: 128

BIRTHDAYS

12/17	Kelvin Nelson
	Tamara Weathersby
12/19	Jane Gundlach
	Fran Kroll
	Karen Nichols

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/17	Bev Murakami
	Matthew Grenyo
12/18	Dennis Metallo
	Lindsey Brothers
	Kaitlin Kentala
12/20	Fran Kroll