

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Rorate Coeli

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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: Brent Jiter & Noah Jiter

Greeter: Mary Rusch

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. 19:1, 4-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a



Shower, 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.

Shower, O heavens, | from above,*

and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

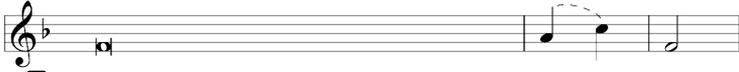
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Kyrie

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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 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.



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



A Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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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.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2017+

- ✘ **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Please join us at 7:00 pm tonight for our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols. ***Bring bells to ring at the end of the service.*** Tomorrow morning we will celebrate Christmas Day Divine Service at 9:00 am.
- ✘ **2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in mailboxes. Please take yours home. Also in your mailbox you will find an updated church directory. Please email Lesa if you would like a pdf version emailed to you.
- ✘ **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.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 12/17-12/23:	\$4,654
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+705
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+3,447

ATTENDANCE 12/17: 153

Communed: 141

BIRTHDAYS

12/24 Amy Walther
12/25 Vicky Nelson
12/26 Mary Jo Jiter
Jerry Tobalsky
12/28 Bonnie Griepentrog
Lauri Trapp

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/24 John Hernandez
Amy Walther

ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls (32 years)
12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings (29 years)