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Divine Service, Setting 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: Mark Bernhardt

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

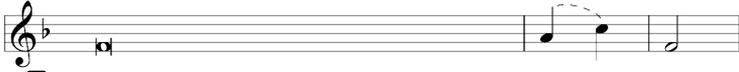
Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Noah Jiter

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog, Tamara Weathersby, & Pam DelFrate

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

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



☐ The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.



☐ 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.



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.

Sing Hosanna in the Highest

Adult Choir

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.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Sermon

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Sit

Offering

+RECEPTION OF MEMBERS PROFESSION OF FAITH+

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles:
"Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to

suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit she may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, and George Metallo.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), Maria Grenyo, Billy Weathersby, Kate Tobalsky, Kathy Judson, and Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz), Ken Cox (friend of the Carroccis), and Gary Hill.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018+

- ✘ **VOTERS MEETING:** Our annual voters meeting will be held next Sunday, December 9th immediately following the Divine Service. Please plan to attend.
- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** will begin this Wednesday, December 5th. A potluck meal will be served at 5:45 pm (note the new time) and the service of Evening Prayer will begin at 6:30 pm. Please sign-up for the meals on the sheet in the hallway. Remember that a potluck only works if everyone brings a little something.
- ✘ **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** and kids' books are available in the fellowship hall. You can also purchase a copy of the children's Bible for \$24.
- ✘ **YOUTH GROUP:** Today there is a Christian Formation Night at St. Paul's in Union Grove from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The topic will be "How to Deal with the Big Bang Theory and Evolution Being Taught in School". Pizza and games will follow the study. Kids 5th grade and up are invited.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** will be Sunday, December 16th. We will meet at church at 1:00 pm. See Monica Scholz with any questions.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Thank you to everyone who is helping to provide gifts for the needy this Christmas. Wish lists were provided by area social service agencies, and five names are still available for sponsors. People can split their sponsorship with a friend and share the shopping. Prefer not to shop? Contributions of cash or gift cards are welcome. Wrapped gifts should be returned to church by Dec. 16. Questions or contributions may be directed to Kris Kochman 262-358-3359 or kriskochman@yahoo.com.

- ✘ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The choirs of St. John's Lutheran Church (510 Kewaunee St. Racine) invite you to attend their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. Pre-concert music beginning at 6:45 pm will feature guest organist Frederik M. Bach. All are invited to a reception following the concert in the school cafeteria.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 11/25-12/1:	\$5,126
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,024
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+7,422

ATTENDANCE 11/25: 130

Communed: 121

+ORGAN FUND UPDATE+

Amount Paid:	-30,000
Donations Received:	+16,124
Balance:	-13,876

BIRTHDAYS

12/6 Matthew Grenyo
12/8 Mark Varvil

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Abby Hiebert-Schultz

+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Sunday	December 2	4:00 pm	Youth Group at St. Paul's
Monday	December 3	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	December 4	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	December 5	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer

+ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE+

Wednesday	December 5	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	December 12	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Mexican
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	December 19	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Soup & Salad
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Monday	December 24	6:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
		11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
Tuesday	December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Divine Svc

+OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS+

Sunday	December 9	10:45 am	Annual Voters Meeting
Saturday	December 15	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Sunday	December 16	1:00 pm	Christmas Caroling