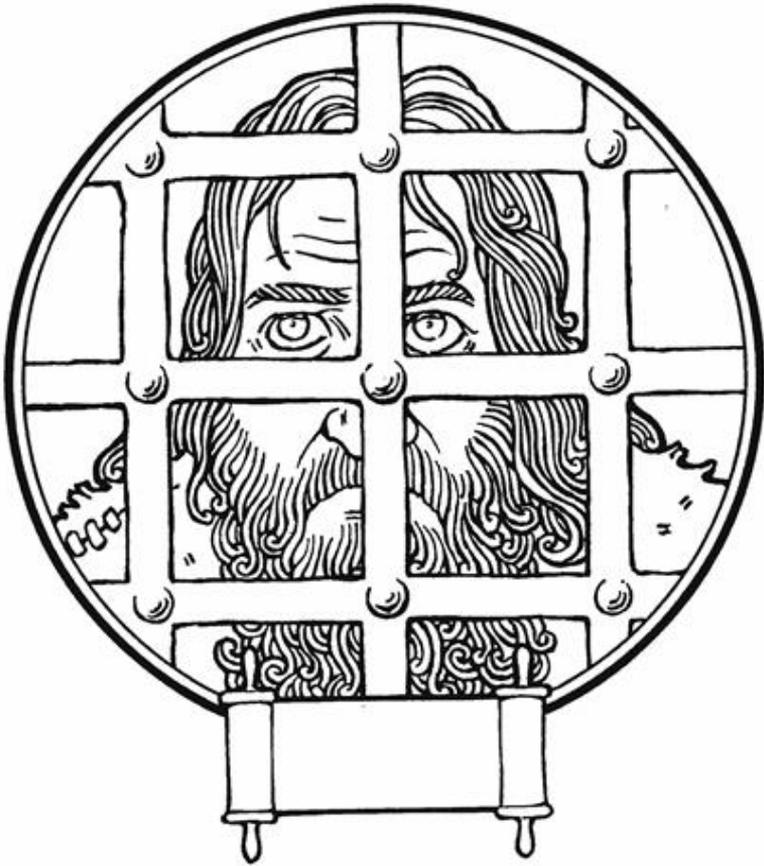


Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Third Sunday in Advent
Gaudete

December 16, 2018

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: Bob Trapp

Greeter: Joan Chianelli

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Mark Mielke, Scott Tobalsky, & Mark Varvil

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

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Tyler & Deleen Nehls.

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Arise, O Christian People

Festival Youth Choir
LSB 354

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.

Stand

+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.

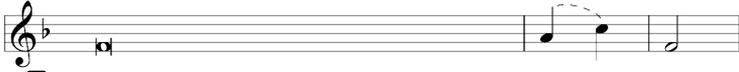
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Kyrie

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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.



C 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.**

Gradual



You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.*
Stir up your might and come to | save us!
Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel,*
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

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

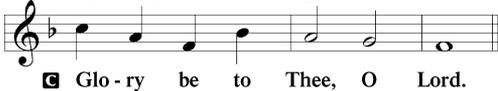
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–10

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



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.



R Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Prepare the Royal Highway

Adult Choir

Sit

Offering

+RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY 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 members 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 these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus

Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they 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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+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, Kathy Judson, Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz), Henry Grenyo, David Scholz (Ted's brother), and Barry Tegel (Robin Tegel's husband).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018+

- ✘ **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the fellowship hall. Please take yours home today.
- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** conclude this Wednesday, December 19th. 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 meal on the sheet in the hallway.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS CAROLING** will be this afternoon. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm. See Monica Scholz with any questions.
- ✘ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will not meet the next four Wednesdays. We will resume on January 16th.
- ✘ **FIRE ASSISTANCE:** Donna Boyd's neighbors lost everything in a house fire recently. Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/vic-and-sue-reynolds> if you would like to contribute to their recovery.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 12/9-12/15:	\$4,700
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+598
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+8,859

ATTENDANCE 12/9: 140

Communed: 130

+ORGAN FUND UPDATE+

Amount Paid:	-30,000
Donations Received:	+17,094
Balance:	-12,906

BIRTHDAYS

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

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/16 Andrew Gerlach
 12/17 Bev Murakami
 Matthew Grenyo
 12/18 Dennis Metallo
 Lindsey Brothers
 12/20 Fran Kroll

+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Monday	December 17	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	December 18	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	December 19	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Soup & Salad
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer

+ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE+

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