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Rorate Coeli

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Divine Service, Setting 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

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Monica Scholz

Ushers: Sam Braya, Mike Snodgrass, & Cody Weathersby

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

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Gerlach family.

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,***

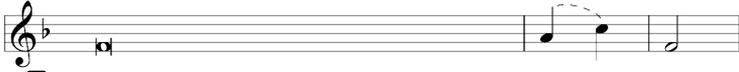
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

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

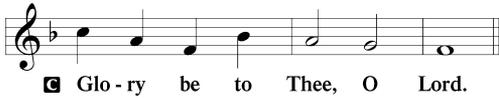
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 1:19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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Sit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

Sermon

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Offertory

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Offering

“Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth”

Youth Choir

Stand

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), Barry Tegel (Robin Tegel's husband), Vern and Judy Stern (uncle and aunt of Sarah Billings), Debbie Snodgrass, and Pastor Roemke (surgery this week.)

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2018+

- ✘ **OUR NEW DIRECTORIES** have finally arrived! Get one from Lesa in the fellowship hall after the service. Please try to keep track of yours; we have a limited number and would like to reserve the extras to give to new members as they come in. Stay tuned for info about the mobile directory coming soon.
- ✘ **2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the fellowship hall. Please take yours home today.
- ✘ **BELLS:** Remember to bring some bells to ring for the Christmas Day service.
- ✘ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** 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 12/16-12/22:	\$4,826
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+724
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+9,583

ATTENDANCE 12/16: 176

Communed: 167

+ORGAN FUND UPDATE+

Amount Paid:	-30,000
Donations Received:	+18,054
Balance:	-11,946

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
12/27 Kelvin Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls (33 years)

+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