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Gaudete

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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.**

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 are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Greeter: Joan Chianelli

Elder: Scott Tobalsky

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Mark Mielke, Mark Varvil, & Mark Bernhardt

Altar Guild: Kate Tobalsky, Diana Dissen, & Jane Gundlach

Fellowship: Today's baked goods 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.

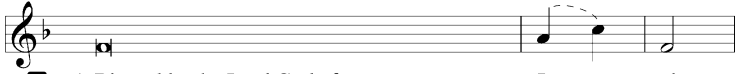
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Kyrie

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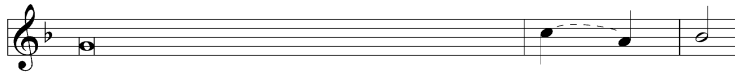
Benedictus



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

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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.

Gradual

Psalm 80:1–2



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.

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 80:2



Alle- | luia.*

Alle- | luia.

Stir | up Your strength,*

and come and save us! Alle- | luia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–11

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 ⁷to 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.”

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Offering

Herald of Good News

Linda Polcin & Cheryl Moe

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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+VDM A+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+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.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Thomas Kotenko (colleague of Jeff Zuehls), Mary Jens (Kathy Capriotti's sister), Vince Cozin (cousin of Jeff Vallis), Tina & Larry (friends of Sandra Babel), Henry Buehrens, Ken Krause (friend of Anita Brothers), Marcin Rosinski (friend of Bev Murakami), Ally Capriotti (Angela Pynaker's daughter-in-law), Bob Hagerman, Betty Boness, and our member on hospice: George Metallo.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019+

- ✘ **2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the fellowship hall. Please note: Your envelope number has changed for 2020. Because of this, do not use your new envelopes until January. Please continue to use your 2019 envelopes through the end of the year. Also, families who participate in electronic giving will no longer receive paper envelopes. If you have any questions about using the mobile app for one-time donations or to change your recurring donations, please speak to Lesa.
- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** conclude this Wednesday. We will have a potluck meal (soup, salad, & bread) beginning at 5:45 pm. Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 pm. Meal sign-up sheets are in the hallway.
- ✘ **CONFESSIONS STUDY CANCELED:** There will be no Lutheran Confessions Study in December or January. We will resume in February.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD HOLDERS** now for sale on the card table. \$2 each includes envelope. Christmas cards will also be made and placed on the table throughout the month.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,330
Lord's Work Received 12/8-12/14:	4,345
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+15
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-742

ATTENDANCE 12/8: 149

Communed: 128

+DECEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	Dec. 18	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Soup & Salad
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Tuesday	Dec. 24	6:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
		11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
Wednesday	Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Divine Service

BIRTHDAYS

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

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/15 Greg Grenyo
12/16 Andrew Gerlach
12/17 Bev Murakami
Matthew Grenyo
12/18 Kaitlin Kentala
12/20 Fran Kroll