

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**Rorate Coeli**

**December 22, 2019**

**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+**

**Greeters:** Garrett & Brooke Koch

**Elder:** Scott Tobalsky

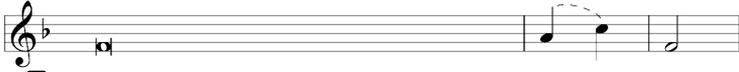
**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Ushers:** Roger Jeschke, Garrett Koch, & Mike Snodgrass

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



# 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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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*

<sup>15</sup>“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—<sup>16</sup>just 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.’ <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I 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. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to My words that He shall speak in My name, I myself will require it of him.’”

## 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*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

*Ps.40:17*



**Alle- | luia.\***

**Alle- | luia.**

**You are my help and my de- | liverer;\*  
do not delay, O my God. Alle- | luia.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:19–28*

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

of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said.”

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

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Sit*

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

*LSB 357*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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*Sit*

**Offering**

A Voice Cries Out

*MLC Choir*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

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*Sit*

**Distribution**

***O Bride of Christ, Rejoice***

*LSB 335*

***Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star***

*LSB 872*

***In Thee Is Gladness***

*LSB 818*

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

*LSB 621*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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***What Hope! An Eden Prophesied***

*LSB 342*

**+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, Dan Bruins, 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, Alberta Helmke, and our member on hospice: George Metallo.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 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.
- ✘ **2020 FLOWER CHART** is up in the hallway.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,330
Lord's Work Received 12/15-12/21:	6,172
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,842
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+1,100

**ATTENDANCE** 12/15: 158

Communed: 140

**+CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT MESSIAH+**

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**

12/24 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