

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



**New Year's Eve**

**December 31, 2017**

**Divine Service I**

# 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:** Jim Vescova

**Ushers:** Tyler Nehls & Mike Snodgrass

**Greeter:** Linda Polcin

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog & Kris Kochman

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Trapps.

# On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Hymnal Supplement 809-Festival Choir v1

1 On this day earth shall ring With the song chil- dren sing  
2 His the doom, ours the mirth; When He came down to earth,  
3 God's bright star, o'er His head, Wise men three to Him led,  
4 On this day an - gels sing; With their song earth shall ring,

To the Lord, Christ our King, Born on earth to save us;  
Beth - le - hem saw His birth; Ox and ass be - side Him  
Kneel they low by His bed, Lay their gifts be - fore Him,  
Prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, Born on earth to save us;

Refrain

God in Him for - gave us.  
From the cold would hide Him. *I - de - o - o - o,*  
Praise Him and a - dore Him.  
Peace and love He gave us.

*i - de - o - o - o, i - de - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!*

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. 98:1-3; antiphon: Ps. 124:8*



Our help is in the name | of the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\***

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

**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.**

Our help is in the name | of the LORD,\*  
who made | heaven and earth.

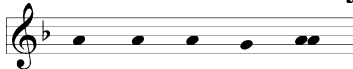
### Kyrie

#### Gloria in Excelsis

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 30:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
“In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”  
But you were unwilling, <sup>16</sup>and you said,  
“No! We will flee upon horses”;  
therefore you shall flee away;  
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.  
<sup>17</sup>A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;  
at the threat of five you shall flee,  
till you are left  
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
like a signal on a hill.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 90:12, 14*



Teach us to num- | ber our days\*  
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.  
Satisfy us in the morning with Your | steadfast love,\*  
that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:31b–39*

<sup>31b</sup>If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:35–40*

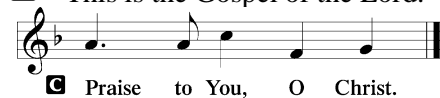
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,  
<sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

*Across the Sky the Shades of Night*

LSB 899

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

*See amid the Winter's Snow*

LSB 373

*Let Our Gladness Have No End*

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*A Great and Mighty Wonder*

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*Away in a Manger*

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

LSB 390

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Michael Shafer, Kevin Boyd, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, Wally & Gloria Pipkorn, George Metallo, and Bob Hagen.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Eleanor Hogan (Ash Noble's grandmother), Arlo Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's grandnephew), Alberta Helmke, Linda McDonough (Terry Sommer's sister), Pat Mills, and Kathy Shafer.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017+**

- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** If you purchased poinsettias, please take them home with you after the service today.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be taken down next Sunday after the service.
- ✘ **FLOWER CHART:** The 2018 flower chart is up in the hallway. Altar arrangements are \$24 per Sunday. You are encouraged to take your flowers home after the service.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 12/24-12/30:	\$5,561
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,612
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+5,059

**ATTENDANCE** 12/24: 102

Communed: 92

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/4 Alberta Helmke  
Pat Mills  
1/5 Lorraine Swift

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/1 Donna Primuth  
Mary Jo Jiter  
1/6 Bonnie Griepentrog