

Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Christmas Day
+The Nativity of our Lord+

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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 sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Mike Henning

Ushers: Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Angela Pynaker & Kim Collina

+++PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST+++

P Lo, to us the Christ is born.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 386

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . . ³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Psallite

Choir

Sing your psalms to the holy Child, Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Sing your psalms to the blest Redeemer, Lord, the holy Child now lying in a manger bed.

Come, see the Infant small Acradled in the stall.

Angel hosts in heavenly hall before His footstool fall, singing anthems all.

Sing your psalms to the holy Child, Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Sing your psalms to the blest Redeemer, Lord, the holy Child now lying in a manger bed.

Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Stand and face Processional Cross

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375, v. 1-3



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
3 Ja - cob's star in all its splen - dor Beams with



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.

Holy Gospel

John 1:19–28

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

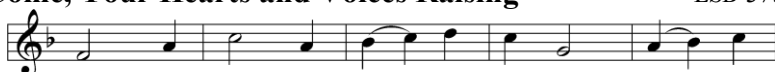
¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375, v. 4-6



4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, From sin's
5 Oh, the joy be - yond ex - press - ing When by
6 Gra - cious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your



fet - ters that pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -
faith we grasp this bless - ing, And to You we come con -
low - ly man - ger cheer us, Gent - ly lead us and be



tressed us, We, the cap - tives, now are free.
fess - ing That Your love has set us free.
near us Till we join Your choir a - bove.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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Sit

O Magnus Mysterium

Choir

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,

That animals should see the newborn Lord lying in a manger.

Amen. O great mystery. Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface *p160*

Sanctus *p161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer *p162*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *p163*

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution

Let Our Gladness Have No End *LSB 381*

Angels From the Realms of Glory *LSB 367*

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child *LSB 374*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p165*

Post-Communion Collect *p166*

Benediction

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *LSB 380*

+VDMĀ+

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

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, Trey Ericson, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass and Jen Bertz.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,653
Lord's Work Received week of 12/18:	4,202
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-451
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-10,748
Mortgage Balance as of 11/18/2022:	42,342

ATTENDANCE 12/18: 121

BIRTHDAYS

12/25 Vicky Nelson
12/26 Mary Jo Jiter
12/28 Bonnie Griepentrog

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/27 Kelvin Nelson

ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Tyler & Deleen Nehls (37 years)
12/30 Steve & Sarah Billings (34 years)