

**Messiah Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod**



**Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2014
Divine Service III**

Romans 15:4 “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction.” God’s Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us as to how to live out our Christians lives – this is the “third use of the Law.”
As Christians we should welcome this instruction in humble faith.

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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: Todd Walther

Ushers: Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Paul & Mary Rusch in memory of Edwin Matthaiddess.

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

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

2 God spoke by the proph-ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra-ham made in for - mer years:
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 50:2–3a, 5



Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;
“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

^{34c}But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ✘ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women's Bible Study is supporting.
- ✘ The family of Joan Chianelli, who mourns the loss of her mother.
- ✘ The Pelas and Mallmann family, who rejoice at the birth of Liam Jacob.

✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch suffering from cancer), Ann Becht (Bev Murakami's sister suffering from liver cancer), Jerry Tobalsky (having surgery this week), Ron Hulke (diagnosed with cancer), Richard Morgan (Bev Murakami's brother-in-law), and Melissa Zietz (Cara Zies's mother).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2014+ CHRISTMAS DONATIONS: If you are purchasing gifts this year, they need to be wrapped and delivered to church by next Sunday, December 14th. Contact Diane Kentala or Kris Kochman with any questions.

LWML MITES will be collected next Sunday, December 14th.

PARSONAGE PHONE: The parsonage home phone will be disconnected soon, as it is not used very much. Please feel free to call Pastor's cell phone (262-455-0255) at any time.

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY is next Saturday, December 13th. We will begin with Divine Service honoring St. Lucy at 9:30 am.

INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 11/30:	\$4,780
Difference Received vs. Needed:	\$1,063
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	-\$28,794

ATTENDANCE Sunday 11/30:	152	Communed:	115
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH

12/10	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
		Potluck Meal	5:30 pm
		Advent Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
		Choir Practice	7:15 pm
12/13	Sat	Lutheran Confessions Study	9:30 am

BIRTHDAYS

12/8	Nathan Corey
	Adam Leisten
	Mark Varvil

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/7	Melissa Brieman
12/9	Wally Pipkorn
12/11	Nathan Corey
	Noah Corey
12/13	Rianon Padro

No anniversaries this week.