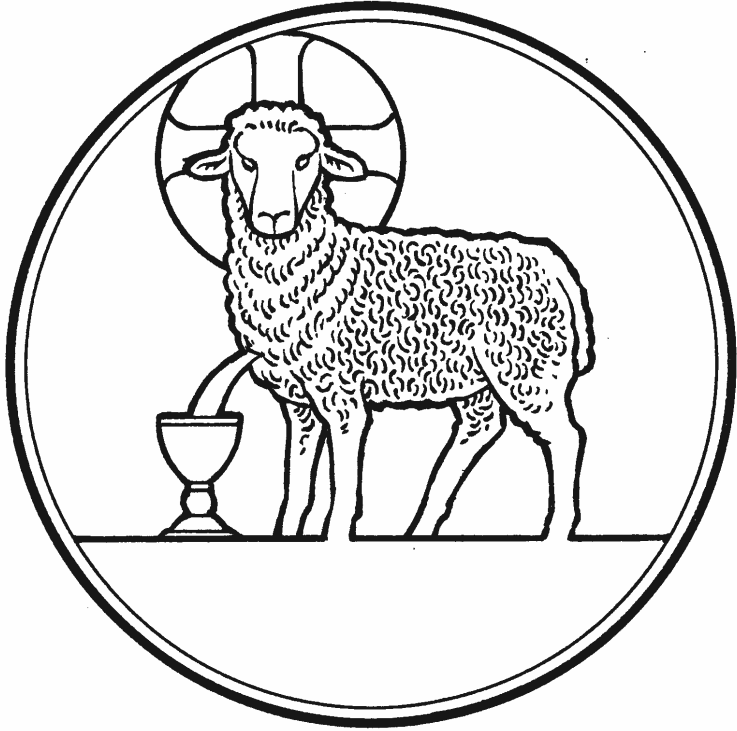


**Messiah Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod**



**Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 21, 2014
Divine Service III**

Philippians 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Paul puts two things in opposition to each other: anxiety and prayer. So trade your worries for prayers! You have a Father who loves you and desires to hear your prayers and bless you.

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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: Brent Jiter

Ushers: Keith Kentala & Jacob Kentala

Greeter: Gail Kulbacki

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Diana Dissen & Marilyn Dissen

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Scott and Kate Tobalsky.

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. 19:1, 4-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a



Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
 and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
 let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
 let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

**The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
 and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words
 to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
**which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
 and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.**

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of
 them,*

and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

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.

Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
 and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
 let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
 let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

Kyrie

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Sing Praise to the God of Israel

4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P 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.

G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

¹⁵“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—¹⁶just 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.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.’¹⁸I 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

answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Offering

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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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.
- ✘ 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 (recovering from surgery), Ron Hulke (diagnosed with cancer), Mike Gundlach (Sarah Billings's cousin), and Al Bradmon (Steve Billings's cousin).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2014+

2015 FLOWER CHART is now up in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the fellowship hall. Please pick yours up today. Even if you give to church via Simply Giving, please take your envelopes home with you.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols will begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday. Our Christmas Day Divine Service will begin at 10:00am on Thursday. There is a graphic with this information on it posted on the church's Facebook and Twitter pages. Feel free to share it with your family, friends, and neighbors.

JINGLE BELLS! Don't forget to bring some bells to church with you on Christmas Eve!

INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 12/10 & 12/14:	\$3,670
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$47
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	-\$30,333

ATTENDANCE Sunday 12/14: 134 Communed: 105

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT MESSIAH

12/24	Wed	Christmas Eve Svc. Of Lessons & Carols	6:00 pm
12/25	Thurs	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

12/21	Theresa Busanet
12/24	Amy Walther
12/26	Mary Jo Jiter
12/27	Terri Nichols

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/24	John Hernandez
	Amy Walther

No anniversaries this week.