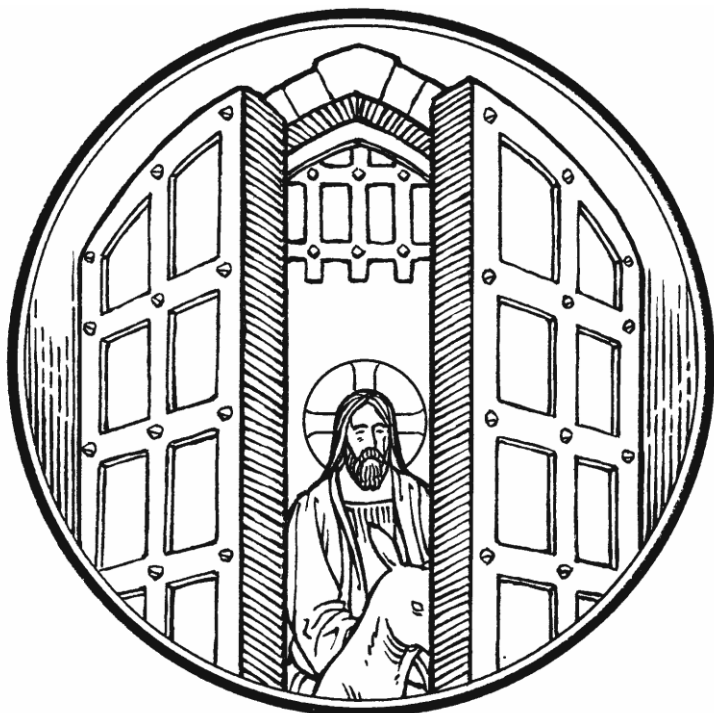


# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2015 Divine Service III

*Matthew 21:3:* “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it” - and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

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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:** Bob Trapp

**Ushers:** Sam Braya & Roger Jeschke

**Greeter:** Gail Kulbacki

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Tamara Weathersby & Kate Tobalsky

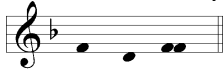
**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Chuck & Anita Brothers in honor of Lindsey's and Veronica's birthdays.

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





☐ And with thy spir - it.



☐ Let us pray.

☐ Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Sit

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:5-8*

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

<sup>7</sup>“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ <sup>8</sup>but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Ps. 25:3-4*



None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.  
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*  
teach me | your paths.

### Epistle

*Romans 13:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to

wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



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

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1-9*

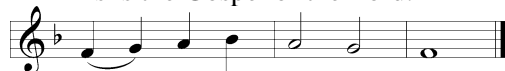
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*p192*

*Sit*

**Offering**

**Reception of New Members by Transfer**

*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*

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*LSB 341*

*Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

*LSB 350*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

*p201*

**Benediction**

*p202*

***Hark the Glad Sound***

*LSB 349*

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Cindy (friend of Geri Tobalsky), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers (recovering

from a vehicle accident), Marge Pohjola (friend of Kelvin and Vicky Nelson), Elaine Cottingham, Carol Vescova, and MacKenna Marinarli (Gail Kulbacki's granddaughter).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2015+**

- ✘ **ADVENT SHIELD:** As we begin the season of Advent, we take a moment to contemplate the shield above the cross, which was commissioned by Jerry Tobalsky in honor of his family. The shield for the season of Advent is on a deep violet field, violet being the color of royalty-signifying Christ's Messianic and eternal kingdom, as well as the color of penitence-reminding us how we ought to prepare ourselves to receive our coming King. In the center of the shield is a golden Star of David with the Holy Name of God, first revealed to Moses at the burning bush. This teaches us that Christ, who comes to us humbly in our own flesh and blood, is of one substance with the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God. He is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophesy, and the eternal heir promised from the line of King David. At the bottom of the shield is a stump, from which is growing a new and tender shoot. On this shoot are 12 leaves, teaching us that Jesus is all of the tribes of Israel condensed into One, who would bear the sins of all of them, and reminding us of the 12 Apostles, to whose teaching we are devoted. Jesus is the shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. (Isaiah 11:1). He is the Vine which God has established in His eternal vineyard and we are the branches, grafted on by faith.
- ✘ **BANNER:** The banner above the doors to the sanctuary in the Fellowship Hall is the result of the talents of our members, Ted Scholz and Cara Zietz. The Apostles' Shields hanging on either side of the banner are a powerful and beautiful reminder that our Christian faith is not a novelty or something for only this time and place, but a continuation of the promise God made to Adam and Eve that He would send a deliverer, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is His teaching which the Apostles passed down, it is in Him what we have perfect fellowship, it is His Body, given for us, which we break for the forgiveness of sins, and it He who hears our prayers. Bible Study and Sunday School will open with a blessing of this sacred art.
- ✘ **ADVENT POTLUCKS:** We continue our tradition of having potluck meals before our Advent Evening Prayer services on Wednesdays. The meals begin at 5:30 and each one has a theme. This week's theme is Mexican. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Today is the last day to sign up and pay for poinsettias.
- ✘ **ST. NICHOLAS FEST:** Planning is underway for our second annual St. Nicholas Festival on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. This year's theme is Germany. If you would like to help out, please speak to Becky Noble. There are flyers available to hand out; please take some.

- ✘ **VOTERS' MEETING:** Our annual voters' meeting will be held next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Divine Service.
- ✘ **ADVENT ACOLYTES:** Pastor will be training those interested after Sunday School today.
- ✘ **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be after the service today.
- ✘ **LWML MITES** will be collected today in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Messiah members have a strong tradition of helping the needy by providing Christmas gifts. The social welfare committee is working with the Shalom Center and other social service agencies to once again gather wish lists from people in need. Further details are coming. However, if you wish to shop early, there is sure to be a child who would love a new toy or some cozy winter apparel. The agencies will help us get your gifts to those who need them. Donations of cash or gift cards also are welcome. Please talk with Diane Kentala or Kris Kochman for further details.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 11/22:	\$2,249
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$1,019
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$456
<b>ATTENDANCE</b> 11/22: 107	Communed: 91

**+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Tuesday	12/1	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	12/2	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Mexican
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Saturday	12/5	4:00 pm	St. Nicholas Festival
Sunday	12/6	10:30 am	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday	12/9	5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	12/16	5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Asian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Thursday	12/17	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
Saturday	12/19	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Thursday	12/24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Children's Service
		11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
Friday	12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Divine Service

**BIRTHDAYS**

11/30 Kaiden Heitkamp

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

11/29 Artyom & Sergei Varvil

12/2 David Corey & Kamren Nicolazzi