

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Populus Zion

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Divine Service III

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: Jim Vescova

Ushers: Scott Tobalsky & Sergei Varvil

Greeter: Donna Boyd

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Tamara Weathersby & Diana Dissen

Fellowship: Lesa Roemke

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Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30, 29



Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”
The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a
flock!***

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
Restore us, | O God,*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

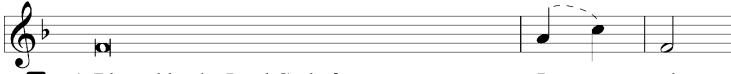
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”
The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Kyrie

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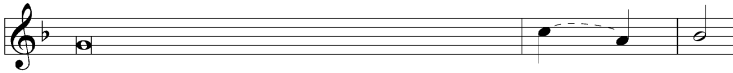
Benedictus



1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate us;
 3 to grant us that we,
 4 all the days of our life.
 5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

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.”

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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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■ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alle- | luia. The powers of the heavens will be | shaken,*

and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and |



Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

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.

³⁴“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.”

Apostles' Creed

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Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Hark the Glad Sound

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+ V D M A +

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

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Rev. Dave & Judy Dissen (relatives of Marilyn Dissen), Michelle Knull, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Kathy Reynolds (aunt of Casey Blair), Bill Colombe, Jerry Kochman, and Linda Polcin.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8th+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday morning Bible study will discuss the hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (LSB 341).
- ✘ **CRAFT NIGHT** is this Friday at 6:00 pm.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Please use the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to provide a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please submit payment by Sunday, December 15th.
- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** continue this Wednesday, 12/11. We will have Advent Matins at 9:00 am, as an alternative to those who are not able to come in the evening. At 5:45 pm we will have a Mexican-themed potluck; sign-up on the bulletin board. At 6:30 pm we will have Advent Evening Prayer.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS:** It's time to register for the next Higher Things retreat in Sheboygan, February 14-16. Registration fees are being covered by a Messiah member. Get a registration form from Lesa and submit it by Sunday, 12/15.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Wrapped gifts are due by Dec 15th.

- ✘ **STEWARDSHIP:** While adjustments are being made and spending cut from the 2024 budget, receipts have not been sufficient to meet our obligations. We have a goal to raise an additional \$13,000 to help cover our 2024 expenses. If you are able, please consider making an additional gift during this holiday season to help Messiah finish this year, and start 2025 in a better financial position. Contact our treasurer, Brent Jiter, with any questions.
- ✘ **ELECTRONIC GIVING:** It has become necessary for us to update all of our electronic giving authorizations. If you give in this way, please see Lesa as soon as possible to sign an updated form. Some families may need to provide a voided check. This is a good time to evaluate your giving and make any changes you like. For those using paper envelopes, consider switching to giving in this way as it is very convenient and is more cost-effective for the church, as we are no longer paying fees for this service, saving us about \$1,300 a year.
- ✘ **CIRCUIT YOUTH ACTIVITY:** We will be Christmas caroling and bowling on Saturday, 12/14. Meet at St. Paul's in Union Grove at 2:00 and bring \$15.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 12/6:	\$246,749
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 12/6:	\$198,928
Difference:	-\$47,821
Restricted contributions YTD as of 12/6:	\$12,200
Mortgage Balance as of 11/15:	\$9,530

ATTENDANCE 12/1: 134

BIRTHDAYS

12/8	Mark Varvil	12/13	John Adams
12/9	Mike McConville	12/14	John Hernandez Jude Nevius

+DECEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	Dec. 11	9:00 am	Advent Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Mexican
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Friday	Dec. 13	6:00 pm	Craft & Chat
Wednesday	Dec. 18	9:00 am	Advent Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Pizza
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Tuesday	Dec. 24	4:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
		11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
Wednesday	Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Divine Service