



the Spirit of the
Lord God is
upon Me

Isaiah 61:1

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The Third Sunday in Advent
(December 13, 2020)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE †

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341 vv 1-2

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

Confession and Absolution

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 5

- ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!
⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
⁶He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit.

²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good.

²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your
whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from
Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but
confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you
Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he 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.”²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children’s Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 vv 1,5,6,7

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Sermon

Isaiah 61:1-4

Offering

Offertory

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- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from
 me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free
 spirit. Amen.

Installation of Officers

Prayer of the Church

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

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**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Once He Came in Blessing"

LSB 333

- 1 Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.
- 3 Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.

"Jesus Came Today with healing"

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,

- And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

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- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collection

- A Let us pray.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Benediction

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- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

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- P Bless we the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

LSB 341

- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent
“Joy” Sunday
December 13, 2020
Isaiah 61:1-3



The Real Christmas Spirit

It's that time of the year when people are in the “Christmas Spirit.” What exactly does that mean to most of the world?

- How was the life situation of the people in Isaiah's day similar to today?
- What is the Year of Jubilee about? Why was this important?

Luke 4:16 And [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. **17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

19 *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”*

Luke 4:20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21** And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

- This is Jesus' first sermon in Luke. He cites Isaiah 61:1-2. What does Jesus leave out in v. 2?
- Why do you think He did this?
- You received this very same Spirit in your baptism. What does this mean for you?

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
December 13th, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	Boyd Arnold, John McDowell	8:00am
	Duane Lofton, Billy Diaz	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte	Aveleen Walsh, Brielle Krizman	8:00am
	Cal Diedrich, William Diaz	10:30am
Ushers	Bill Buxman, Ray Seeley	8:00am
	Chad Bruner, Matt Meyer	10:30am
Videographer	Jeremy Knizley	8:00am

These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.

But, we will get through it together by the grace of God.

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,
Physical, or any other need:**

We are here for you.

Pastor Redeker: (314) 608-5538

Pastor Schmidt: (314) 261-3180

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Announcements December 13th, 2020

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex. If you do not have offering envelopes, and would like some, or if you have envelopes and do not use them please let the Church office know.

ADVENT SERIES- Location, Location, Location! Concludes

12/16 at 7pm- Surrounded by the Father's Love -Rev. Mel Mertens

Have soup suppers at home this year.

"KIDS TALK" - Children up to Fourth Grade are invited to "Kids Talk" at our 10:30AM service, during the sermon

ATTENTION JR. HIGH YOUTH- grades 5-8 are invited to participate in a project to bring some Christmas cheer to our shut ins! All Jr. Youth families are welcomed and encouraged to record a family video of themselves singing their family favorite Christmas hymn or song. They need to be saved to a USB or emailed digitally to Pastor Schmidt by TODAY. USB is preferred so that he can arrange them, and we will then send them as digital Christmas cards to our shut ins. The joy that this will bring to our shut ins, especially this year, will be enormously special to them!

GIVING TREE- The giving tree is up to help families at Messiah Lutheran Church and School that are going through a rough time. Please Return wrapped gifts with ornament attached to the church office by December 16th.

AMAZON.SMILE - Are you shopping for

Christmas on Amazon? A portion of your sales will be donated to our church and school. Log into Amazon.Smile select Messiah Lutheran Church and School of Grand Junction and do your shopping.

GIFT CARDS- Purchase your gift cards online through shopwithscrip.com the enrollment code is 59FDEBF565842 or purchase the cards in the office. Messiah receives a percent from each order.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS- To decorate our Lord's house on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we are asking you to share your beautiful poinsettias with your fellow Christians. Please bring your poinsettia to the office, with your name on the bottom by 2:00pm Thursday December 17th. Your poinsettia will be available for pick up after service on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be at 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will be at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 10:00am.

NO NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING SERVICE

BAKELESS BAKE SALE- Ladies Guild is collecting ideas for the Bakeless Bake Sale project. If you would like to propose a mission project to be considered, please submit a written proposal in an envelope marked Bakeless Bake Sale and drop them off in the church office by December 17th.

PREGNANCY CENTER AND

BIRTHRIGHT- There is a “tree” in the Narthex with needed items listed on the leaves. If you are able please take a leaf, purchase the item, and return to Messiah. We will deliver to the Pregnancy Center and Birthright. Thank you for supporting this very important outreach.

GIFT PLANNING - December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. Planning those estate gifts can provide opportunity to give the gift of **peace**, reconciling with family or friends with whom you have become estranged. Planning a gift for them can point to the greatest gift, the gift of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Get started on your “**peace** gifting” today. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Carol VonSoosten is also available 800-741-4138

FOR SALE - The quilt ladies have a beautiful Bendolf Medallion Variation Quilt designed by Louisiana P. Bendolf for sale. It is 52” x 76” and 100% cotton. Custom Machine quilted bold and vivid colors. Suitable for a man or teenager Christmas gift It is available for sale on Tuesday mornings 9:00am to 11:30am for a donation (suggested donation of \$200.00) proceeds will go to buying needed quilting supplies. Thank you for your support.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT- “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1

Thessalonians 5:18). Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord’s work, in acts of service to others, and in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord’s many gifts to us.

(from the LCMS Stewardship website) - The Board of Stewardship

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2021 Communion set up and cleanup. The sign up is posted in the narthex. Contact Laura Ryden (970) 260-6766 for more information. Our Thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord!

MESSIAH’S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

November Income:

Week of Dec. 1-9	\$32,224.26
Weekly need	\$19,258.00
Month to date	\$32,224.26
Monthly need	\$83,451.37

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Kids Talk
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting/Multi-Purpose Room
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High/Zoom
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
	7:00pm	Children's Christmas Program online only
Friday	9:00am	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	11:00am	School Early Dismissal
	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
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Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.

