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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(December 20th, 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 ONE †

Prelude "What Child Is This" Abby Bridgett 8:00am

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 vv 1-3

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!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

Confession and Absolution

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we**

have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 89:1-5

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

²For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

³You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

⁴“I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.”

⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**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.**

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Kyrie

P 152

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

p For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn "The Advent of Our King"

LSB 331 vv 1-3, 6

1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

- 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

STAND 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Sermon "Greatly Troubled"

Luke 1:26-33

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and

preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come"

LSB 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

STAND 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

“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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray.**
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
 this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
 strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
 toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
 and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Benediction

P 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.**
- C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
 Free them from Satan's tyranny
 That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
 And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. 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

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
December 20th, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Liturgist	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	Boyd Arnold, John O'Connor Duane Lofton, Matthew Bonnell	8:00am 10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	Aveleen Walsh, Brielle Krizman Cal Diedrich, William Diaz	8:00am 10:30am
Ushers	Bill Buxman, Ray Seeley Chad Bruner, Matt Meyer	8:00am 10:30am
Videographer	Jeremy Knizley	8:00am
Prelude Solo	Abby Bridgette	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

Announcements December 20th, 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.

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

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.

Luke2 Project- We have invitations for our Christmas services in the office for you to share with friends. LUKE2's goal is to change black Friday into BRITE Friday by 2023 so please wear your gear as a reminder to all who

see what we are celebrating this time of year and save it for next year. Need gear? go to www.LUKE2project.org Any questions please call Arliss Bridgett 970-270-3517

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 SERVICE

LWML INGATHERING-Thank you to all the ladies who gave to our ingathering for the Pregnancy Center and Birthright. We collected \$505.00 in cash and gift card donations plus diapers, wipes, blankets, socks, formula, lotions, etc. What a blessing to have such giving members who help support these women and families. The staff was so thankful for our donations and the support to these women. God Bless you all!

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. When we mark our days on earth, we are often very linear, thinking of

a beginning and an end. However, in Jesus, whose birth into our flesh we celebrate this week, there is no end. That gives us the ability to think of our days with **joy** and to pass on that **joy** through our estate plans. The gifts you plan for family and ministry will certainly warm many hearts with joy. 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- "But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan. . ." (2 Samuel 7:4). Nathan thought David's idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord's name. But, later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God's Kingdom - not our own desires or whims.

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. 10-16	\$22,063.92
Weekly need	\$19,258.00
Month to date	\$54,288.18
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
Tuesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Board of Evangelism
Wednesday	-----	Church Office is closed
	8:30am	No Chapel
Thursday	-----	Church Office is Closed
	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Friday	-----	Church Office is Closed
	10:00am	Christmas Day Service/Communion
	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off	
Saturday	-----	
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	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Kids Talk

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.