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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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First Sunday in Advent
(November 29, 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 "The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

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

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.

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.

Exhortation

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 80:1-7; antiphon: v. 7

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

²**Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶**You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
**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.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

p This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

p This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn “Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332 vv. 1,2,4,7

- 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.

- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

Sermon

Isaiah 64:1-9

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.

Prayer of the Church

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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- 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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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 Hymns "Prepare the Royal Highway"

LSB 343

1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain

ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

LSB 630

1 Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling
Of the glorious body sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once on earth among us dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

2 Giv'n for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.

3 That last night at supper lying
Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying,
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying,
Gives Himself with His own hand.

4 Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,
By His word His flesh to be;
Wine His sacred blood He maketh,
Though the senses fail to see;

Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

STAND 5 Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing
Who from both with both is One.

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

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

Post-Communion Collect

P 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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A 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 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

LSB 336

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
 Once for ev’ry sinner slain;
 Thousand thousand saints attending
 Swell the triumph of His train:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ the Lord returns to reign.

- 2 Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him
 Robed in glorious majesty;
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
 Shall their true Messiah see.

- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion
 Still His dazzling body bears,
 Cause of endless exultation
 To His ransomed worshipers.
 With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
 Gaze we on those glorious scars!

- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
 High on Thine eternal throne;
 Savior, take the pow’r and glory,
 Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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Advent I
November 29, 2020
Isaiah 64:1, 3



The Unpredictable Christmas

Have you ever had something happen in your life that was unpredictable? How did it change your life?

- Have you ever been in a situation in your life where your back was up against the wall and there was no way out? How was that resolved?
- How is God unpredictable?
- How is God predictable?
- In what ways can the Christian take advantage of God's predictability?
- What should God do about that?
- Why was the first Christmas so unpredictable?
- Earthquakes: where in Scripture are we told about earthquakes? What events were going on when the earthquakes occurred?
- Would you consider your Baptism an earthquake?

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
November 29, 2020**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Liturgist	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	Boyd Arnold, John O'Connor	8:00am
	Gary Anderson, Matt Bonnell	10:30am
Organist	Marylyn Smith	
Acolyte	Kenny Dimmick, Shyloh Dimmick	8:00am
	Parker Shahan, Keaton Compton	10:30am
Ushers	Ron Sawyer, Matt Powell	8:00am
	Eric Skoog, Jeremy Skoog	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

Announcements

November 29, 2020

CHILDREN MINISTRY- Sunday school will be moved from downstairs to upstairs in the multipurpose room.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS A big **THANK YOU** to all who were able to fill a Christmas box for Operation Christmas Child this year. We delivered **55 boxes** to the local drop off location on Tuesday!!

ADVENT SERIES- Location, Location, Location!

12/2 at 7pm- Behind, but with Hope
-Rev. Joshua Vanderhyde

12/9 at 7pm- Buffeted, but on Faith
-Rev. Michael Redeker

12/16 at 7pm- Pressured, but with Patience -Rev. Joshua Schmidt

12/23 at 7pm- Surrounded by the Father's Love -Rev. Mel Mertens

There will be no soup suppers this year.

"KIDS TALK" - Children up to Fourth Grade are invited to "Kids Talk" at our 10:30AM service, we will have a kid's time with sermon video available in the library. This is **ONLY** during the sermon; kids will be invited out and back in. If they want to stay to hear Pastor, that's great!! But we're hoping this will especially help the extra squirmy ones reengage after sitting for so long.

LWML LADIES VESPERS SERVICE will be Saturday, December 10th at 7pm. It will also be online for those who can't attend.

GIVING TREE- We will be putting up a giving tree December 1st for Christmas to help families at Messiah Lutheran Church and School that are going through a rough time. If you are aware of a family in need, please let Pastor Redeker, Pastor Schmidt, or Glacia Peck know. This information will be kept confidential in the interest of the families. 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.

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.

LWML GIFT PLANNING- The fourth stage of the LWML Gift Planning counselor is call "implementation." This is where the counselor helps to make sure that all the pieces are in place, all documents are signed, and

beneficiary designation changes have been made. The counselor will not quit until your plan really is in place and is your helper throughout the process. To get your Lifetime Plan for Giving started, contact... Carol von Soosten by Email: Carol.vonSoosten@lfn.org, Phone: 800-741-4138 or on the web at lwmlgiftplan.org or the Rocky Mountain GOL Advocate, Elizabeth (Beth) Weber by email at: weber4342@acsol.net or call her Cell: (970) 361-0794.

BIBLE STUDIES- Wednesday 11am Bible Study (Isaiah) and Thursday 6:30pm Bible Study (Nongeographical) links can be found on our website: messiahlutherangj.org

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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- "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9). The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful. (from the LCMS Stewardship website) - The Board of Stewardship

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-Pastor Redeker's sermons can be heard on 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR-Listen to The Lutheran Hour message each Sunday morning at 9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station.

November Income:

Week of Nov. 17-25	\$9,928.58
Weekly need	\$19,258.00
Month to date	\$64,729.38
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
	3:15pm	PTA Meeting
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
Friday	-----	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.