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Second Sunday after Christmas
(January 3rd, 2021)

"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 "Let Our Gladness Have No End" LSB 381

- 1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia! Refrain
- ref On this day God gave us
Christ, His Son, to save us;
Christ, His Son, to save us.
- 2 Prophesied in days of old, alleluia!
God has sent Him as foretold, alleluia! Refrain
- 3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! Refrain
- 4 Into flesh is made the Word, alleluia!
He, our refuge and our Lord, alleluia! Refrain

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 119:97-104; antiphon: v. 99

MEM

⁹⁷Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your just decrees,
for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**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

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted

for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52

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

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

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

LSB 383

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure! Refrain
- ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"
- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. Refrain
- 3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain
- 4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord. Refrain
- 5 All idols then shall perish
And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace. Refrain

Sermon "Daily Dose of Christmas Sweets"

Psalm 119:97-104

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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 P 197

Pax Domini P 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei P 198

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 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388

ref Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessèd Christmas morn. Refrain

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LSB 386

1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;

- He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!
- 2 Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!

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

P 200

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

Post-Communion Collection

P Let us pray.
C Amen.

Salutation and Benediction

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

LSB 202

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

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

LSB 366

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds
The blessèd angels sing.

- 3 All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace;
Of Him the angels sing.
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass
By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years
Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth
God's ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear
The song the angels sing.

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2nd Sunday After Christmas
January 3, 2021



Daily Dose of Christmas Sweets

Do you like chocolates? What kinds of chocolates do you like?

- Have you ever eaten 100% cocoa chocolate? What does it taste like?
- What's missing that would make it palatable?
- Psalm 119 is ALL about God's Law. What does God's Law do?
- The Law is good! It's given by God. So, what's missing?
- Because of the Christ child, what affect does the Law have on the Christian?

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
January 3rd, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	John McDowell, Ray Seeley	8:00am
	Billy Diaz, Matthew Bonnell	10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	Gregory Bruner	8:00am
	Addie Ritterbush, Kelsey Ehlert	10:30am
Ushers	Jack Messenger, Paul Yutzky	8:00am
		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 January 3rd, 2020

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 17th at 1:30pm. This meeting is to discuss the remainder of the fiscal year, and financial options to deal with budgetary shortfalls due to less than expected school enrollment and a negative work plan. Meeting will be in the sanctuary if possible, otherwise it will be zoom. If on zoom the link will be e-mailed prior to the meeting.

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.

****Please be aware that your number might have changed. ****

PLEASE HELP- Saturday January 9th, at 9:00am please come to help take the Christmas tree and other decorations down.

GIVING TREE- Thank you to everyone who gave to the Giving Tree it was a blessing to our families of Messiah Church and School. The gifts and cash donations were very much appreciated.

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.

PREGNANCY CENTER AND BIRTHRIGHT

UPDATE- The very generous donations brought to the Vespers service on December 10th were divided and delivered on December 15th as follows:

Pregnancy Center- 4 boxes of disposable diapers, 1 box of baby food, 1 box of Pedi sure, 1 package of baby wipes, and \$245 in gift cards.

Birthright- 4 boxes of disposable diapers, 1 box of baby wipes, 1 bag of baby clothing and miscellaneous baby items, and \$260 in gift cards.

Both the Pregnancy Center and Birthright were overwhelmed and very thankful for your generosity.

WELCOME TO MESSIAH—It is a blessing to share God’s love with so many families and students through our school. Prayer partners are something the kids always remember—that and Mrs. Skoog’s loft. —This year, we are hoping you will spread the word about our school to encourage families—both inside and outside of our church—to attend one of the few Christian-based academic environments in the area. The students excel at pretty much

anything they set their minds to (honors programs, Math Counts, sports, etc.), but the main thing that sets us apart is our trust in Jesus Christ. Please, share our “Open House” video that will be up January 5th at 7am on our Facebook page. #MessiahGJ #CharacterProducesHope

A VERY SERVING CHRISTMAS---THANK YOU for your prayers and support. You made the virtual Christmas program A SUCCESS (on our Facebook page). Our school was able to donate over 400 blessing bags to “the House” for homeless teens (paid for by generous donors and the online auction). And, while the Navajo Nation rules still don’t allow for gatherings of any kind, Pastor Norton and his family will be welcoming groups into their home one-at-a-time to share their brand new Christmas Program costumes with them for the first time and go through the Christmas story. (This was made possible by God’s work through you—THANK YOU!!!). “I’m SO excited for them to see the new costumes-they don’t know about them yet! I will take pictures!” -Mrs. Heidi Norton

GIFT PLANNING - Putting an estate plan together is a somewhat complex task. There are multiple documents you may need. Yet the most significant part of that estate plan is the gift plan you create, giving gifts to family you love and the ministries you care about. Entitlement would dictate that gifts to family, Godchildren or friends all need to be equal. Grace would indicate that God has provided gifts to you to meet needs in people’s lives, whether family

or ministry. It is not boiler plate. You need to pray through a plan. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact

Carol.vonSoosten@lfnd.org by email, by Phone: 800-741-4138, or the website lwmlgiftplan.org. Our Rocky Mountain District Gifts of Love Advocate Elizabeth Weber by email weber4342@acsol.net or on her cell phone (970) 361-0794

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- “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...” (Luke 2:39). The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us. 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.

December Income:

Week of Dec. 22-31	\$46,025.14
Weekly need	\$19,258.00
Month to date	\$132,063.83
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	-----	NO SCHOOL
	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Ralph Seeley Funeral
Tuesday	-----	School Resumes
	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night 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.