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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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Second Sunday after Christmas
(January 2nd, 2022)

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us 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

Sharing of God's Peace

Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LSB 379

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain
- ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!
- 2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain
- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! 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 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.

⁹⁸**Your 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.

¹⁰⁰**I 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.

¹⁰²**I 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!

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

**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**

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

Kyrie

P 186

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

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.

Alleluia

P 190

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.

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

Sermon Hymn

“What Child Is This”

LSB 370

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Sermon

“You Are Wise”

Psalm 119:97-104

Offertory

P 192

- 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.

Offering

Hand Bells

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P 196

- 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.

Benedicamus

P 202

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

Benediction

P 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 † give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LSB 380

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Refrain
- ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”
- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the_incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain
- 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
January 2nd, 2022**

Preacher	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Organist	Richard Scott	
Acolyte	Aaliyah Atencio, Adrianna Atencio	10:00am
Ushers	David Gruner, Ben Fay Luke Fay, Dean Hollatz	10:00am
Videographer	Chris Hayes	10:00am
Hand Bells	Dona Ramsey, Karen Skoog Jan Weich, Jan Wilke	10:00am

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Announcements January 2nd, 2022

PLEASE SIGN THE RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP BOOK FOUND IN THE PEW - BE SURE AND PASS IT DOWN SO EVERYONE CAN SIGN IT.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS WERE GIVEN TODAY by Ken and Mary DeBerard in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

INSTALLING NEW OFFICERS- We will be installing new officers on Sunday, January 9th at 9:00am.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- January 16th at 2:30pm to discuss our financial position and pastor vacancy.

CONNECTING FOR CHRIST WORKSHOP: Messiah is hosting a workshop on *Connecting for Christ*. This is a follow-up on the *Gospel DNA* Bible study from summer, and guides Messiah in ways to reach out to visitors and others. Guest presenters include the Texas District President Rev. Mike Newmann, the Texas District Mission Executive Rev. Dr. Rance Settle, and businessman Stan Stephen. The workshop is **free**. It will take place Saturday, **January 15 from 9am-2:30ish**. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend to foster more ideas.

NEW SERVICE TIME-Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Due to the overall decline in membership and Sunday Service participation, and along with the departure of Pastor Schmidt, the Board of Elders, along with the Church Council with Pastor Redeker's guidance, has decided to change the Sunday worship schedule. The new schedule will be **ONE** service on Sundays starting at 9:00am followed by Bible Study at 10:30. This will better facilitate our smaller membership and take some of the workload off our Pastor. The new schedule will start **Sunday January 9th**. God's Peace and Merry Christmas, **Wade Schultz**-Chairman of the Congregation

GREETERS- There is a new signup sheet for January-April in the Narthex. Help be a welcoming smile to all members and visitors to Messiah. We would like to have two greeters per service. Please sign up for a month at a time. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help sign-up sheet. Any questions please contact Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

ALTER FLOWERS FOR 2022- If you would like to order flower for the alter there is a new signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for flowers for 2022.

PLEASE HELP- Saturday January 15th, at 9:00am please come to help take the Christmas tree and other decorations down.

THANK YOU- We would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and gifts of kindness bestowed to us over the Christmas holiday. We are so thankful to God that He has sent us to be a part of the Messiah Family. We enjoy being a part of God's Family and serving you. Pastor Redeker & Family

2022 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.

OFFICE ADMIN- We are looking to hire a full time Office Administrator. It is 40 hours per week, pay based on experience. Knowledge of QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, Organizational and leadership skills and communication and interpersonal abilities needed. Submit resume to glacia@messiahlutherangj.org or admin@messiahlutherangj.org. Questions contact the office at 970-245-2838.

BLESSING TO GLACIA AS SHE TAKES ON A NEW ROLE- After 13 years of faithful service to God and Messiah, Glacia Peck is leaving her position as office administrator. She has blessed us in so many ways. We cannot thank her enough. Her final day in the office will be January 7th. Godspeed Glacia!

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 donation were very much appreciated.

LINENS VOLUNTEERS- Volunteers are needed for linens. We will train. Come and help. Call Carolyn Baker 970-434-1524 if you have any questions.

NEW SCIENCE CURRICULUM- Our school has been blessed with an entire new science curriculum, and 2 new microscopes. We are still in need of items to provide hands on labs, experiments and more. If you would like to donate or purchase some of these amazing items, there is a wish list in the school office.

3rd SUNDAY SERVICE- Join us the 3rd Sunday of
The month for our service in the gym:

Noon-1PM- FREE lunch with Fellowship and Discussion

1PM-2PM- Worship together in the Gym (a Service of the Word—No
Communion)

UNDERSTANDING OUR BELIEF— Every Tuesday, at 6:00PM, Mr. Scott Mauser is hosting a class on apologetics, discussing how to share what we believe in truth, love, gentleness, and respect. These classes are over at the Alpha and Omega Institute 1011 N 10th St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Hope you can make it!

COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS needed for 2022! Please consider serving our Lord and your church by volunteering to help with communion. Sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained or have questions, please contact Laura Ryden at (970) 260-6766

PRAYER REQUESTS- *"But when you pray, go to into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you," (Matt. 6:6).* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at weber4342@acsol.net.

GIFT PLANNING- We want to keep our estate plans as simple as possible. Estate plans can become very elaborate. Unequal distribution to heirs, distribution over time, management of taxes, special treatment of different kinds of property, all can complicate matters. However, in the midst of everything, the core of an estate plan is the gift plan, the plan for giving gifts to family we love and the ministries God has laid on our hearts. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through and pray about your plan, before it gets lost in the shuffle. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS- Luke 2:40 - “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

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

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

December Income-

Week of Dec 19 - 27	\$20,735.73
Weekly need	\$20,411.00
Month to date	\$85,636.73
Monthly need	\$81,642.00

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00am 10:00am 11:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live Unity Sunday/Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live/ Church Potluck
Monday	----- 1:30pm	NO SCHOOL Office staff meeting
Tuesday	9:00am ----- 7:00pm	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall NO YOUTH GROUP Board of Elders
Wednesday	8:00am 8:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE School Chapel Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom Wednesday night service
Thursday	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Galatians Bible Study
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
Sunday	9:00am 10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live