



Grace

to you and peace from him
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before
his throne...

REVELATION 1:4



DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING FOUR

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. Through the biblical writings of St. John the apostle, God gives us many beautiful images of His grace, including what will happen on Judgment Day. We need not fear that day because we will not stand before God alone. We will have His Son, Jesus, by our side as our Advocate. On that day, Jesus will declare that He has washed us clean with His blood. The price has been paid for our sin; we will enjoy God's presence for all eternity.

A special welcome to those with young children

We are very happy you are here today. At Messiah, we want you to feel at home.

- ◆ First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Children are most welcome at Messiah.
- ◆ To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see. Encourage them to note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus is doing here promises to engage them.
- ◆ As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to join in on parts. *Amen! Lord have mercy! Our Father!* These belong to them, too.
- ◆ Be sure to sing, speak, and pray your parts also as you sit and stand. Your children learn by following your lead.
- ◆ If you must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here.
- ◆ If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here who will lend you a hand.
- ◆ If you are unable to keep your little ones in the service, the Little Lamb's Cry Room is by the upstairs coffee bar. This small chapel is available for all children who may need space to refocus before returning to church.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing with you in Jesus words, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." (Luke 18:16-17 ESV)

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, encourage, and bless you all. Welcome to Messiah.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in peace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

French Carol No. 7 - Louis Claude Daquin

THE CURRENT WA STATE MANDATE PROHIBITS CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 367 ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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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

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

John 20:19-23

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.

1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:19, 18:18

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1-5; antiphon: John 20:31

Spoken:

C These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

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.

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed in the doctrine of Your blessed apostle and evangelist John, may come to the light of everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

REVELATION READING

Revelation 1:1-6

P This reading is from Revelation, chapter 1.

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 1:1–2:2

P The Epistle is from 1 John, chapters 1 & 2.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

John 20:31

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

John 21:20-25

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 523 O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayer;

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

After the prayer has ended the pastor will say:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

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 ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My $\cdot\text{I}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My $\cdot\text{I}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

The Lord's Supper is joyfully celebrated here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood to us. His gifts of body and blood—given in, with, and under the bread and wine—bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other, in this life and in the next.

Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, as Jesus instructed, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those wanting to come to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. We also invite your children up for a blessing in remembrance of their baptism. Gluten-free host are available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Prelude No. 14 - Carl Nielsen

DISTRIBUTION

You may like to pray one of these prayers silently before or after the holy Sacrament.

Before Communion

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving for after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

The true body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, ... the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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 ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 388 GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, and a half note G5. The second staff continues the melody with a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, and a half note G5. The third staff is a simple harmonic accompaniment consisting of quarter notes G4, B4, D5, G5, F#5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4.

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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POSTLUDE

“O World I Must Leave Thee” - Johannes Brahms

A PRAYER FOR AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in the faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY MESSENGER DEADLINE WAS LAST WEEK!

This is one last final call to remind folks that if you wanted to include any articles in the January newsletter, please get them to the office as soon as possible.

2021 BOX ENVELOPES

Starting today, 2021 box envelopes will be available out in the Narthex for pick up. Please note that nearly ALL 2021 box numbers have changed from 2020’s, so your current number will not be the one you’ll use starting in January. For that reason, it is imperative that all members recycle their old 2020 envelopes.

Still have a lot of 2020 envelopes left? Still toss them!

The number that’s printed on your box of envelopes is what the office uses to track your tithes for your end of year fiscal tax statement. For members who don’t currently have a box number for a fiscal end-of-year tax statement and would like to start tracking your Sunday tithes for your 2020 taxes, contact the office today! We have leftover available box numbers up for grabs!

2020 SERVICE SCHEDULES

Don’t have access to the internet, but still want access to the Jan – June 2020 schedule for your volunteer service? Fret not! Near the emergency exit perpendicular to the Sacristy door, a wall file folder has been installed. There, all service schedules for all ushers, elders, readers, etc will be found in the appropriately marked folders. Otherwise, all schedules will be updated and reposted periodically.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 8:00 am Divine Service
- 10:45 am Divine Service
- 1:00 pm Sunday School on Zoom
- 4:00 pm Education Hour on Zoom

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Bible Study – Online

Saturday

10:00 am Bible Study – Online

Next Sunday

8:00 am Divine Service

10:45 am Divine Service

1:00 pm Sunday School on Zoom

4:00 pm Education Hour on Zoom

STEWARDSHIP

Last Week’s Offerings	\$7,910.00
Needed Per Week	\$10,473.70
2020 Offerings to Date	\$411,062.53
2019 Offerings to Date	\$526,394.46

ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday’s Divine Service	90 views, 109 recorded
Last Sunday’s Online Education Hour	N/A
Sunday School	N/A
Saturday Bible Study	N/A
Tuesday Bible Study	N/A

SERVING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Pastor

Pastor Mankin

Organist

Noel Channon

Hymns

Tiffany Walker

Altar Guild

Joanne Estergreen, Cheryl Taylor

Elders

8:00 am Lee Cohrs

10:45 am Neil Strege

Ushers

8:00 am Harry Edmon, Dave Manahan, Dusty Sholdt, Andrew Petro, Carter Petro, Cameron Petro

10:45 am Dan Lassman, Curt Lassman, Mark Jorgensen, Curt Colbert

