

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

God's People. Reaching Out

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



Good Morning and Welcome

Guests, we are glad you are here.

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Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.

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Messiah Lutheran Church

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Advent Blessings

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Bread of Life from With One Voice
** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kokan Family (8:30), Sullivan Family (11:00)

HYMN “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” vs 1 WOV 630

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, The watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And in her
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, And saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym - bals all u - nite.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, And at the
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 with the choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your daz - zling light.

The bride-groom comes! A - wake; Your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has seen, no ear Has yet been trained to hear.

Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your-selves to meet the
 Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we
 What joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -

Lord, Whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.
 view Where you have bid us dine with you.
 sound; Ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

***THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

FLUTE SOLO: *Chorale from Cantata No. 140* by J.S. Bach

Emily Reed

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

²The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

THE PSALM

Psalm 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- ² Now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city
 that is at unity with itself,
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
 "May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
 and quietness within your towers.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Return to the Lord”

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn
to the Lord, your God, who is grac - ious
and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of

the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*HYMN: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LBW 25

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' - rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as he ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free!

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Merciful God,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***THE SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

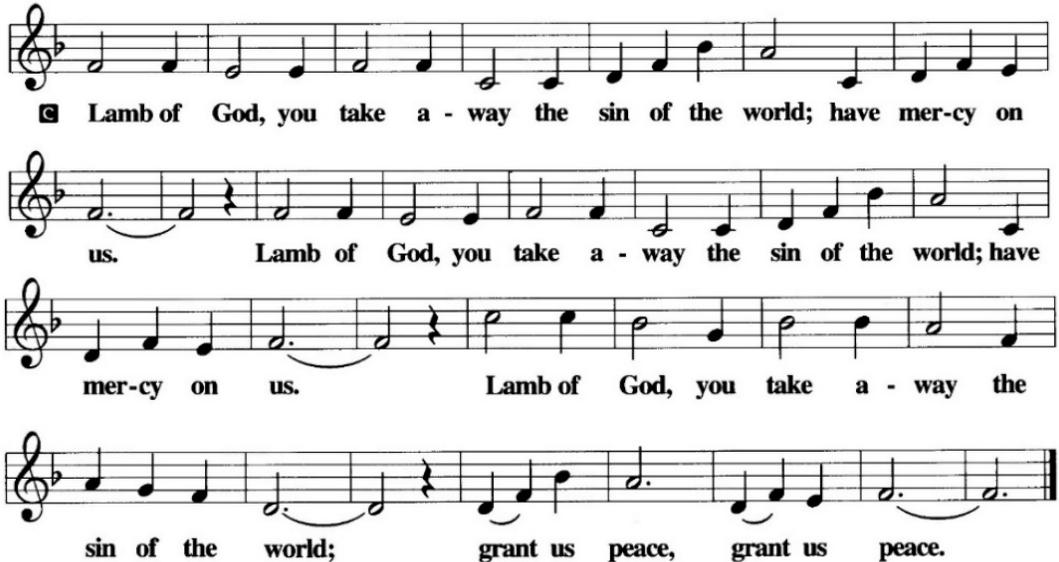
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*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

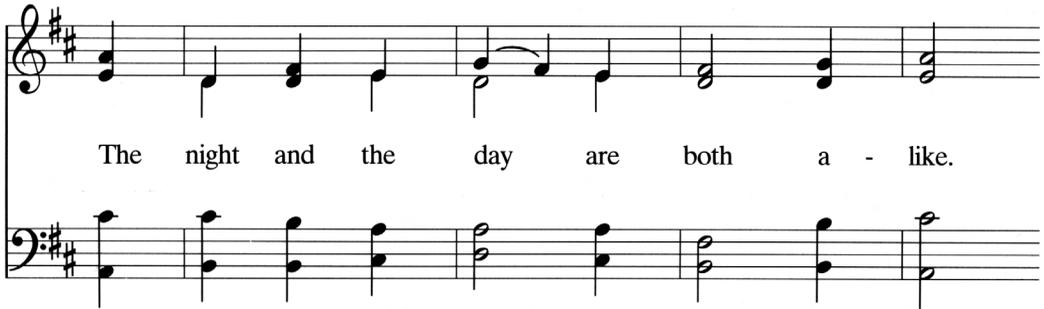
God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life . . . is Je - sus.
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 we shall know the joy . . . of Je - sus.

Refrain



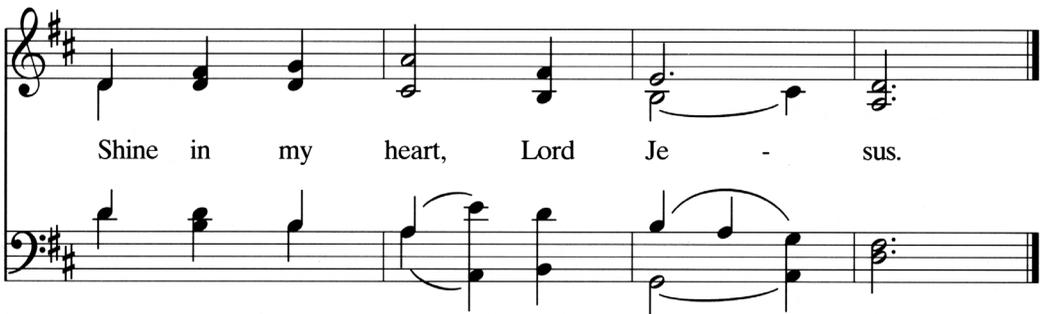
In him there is no dark - ness at all.



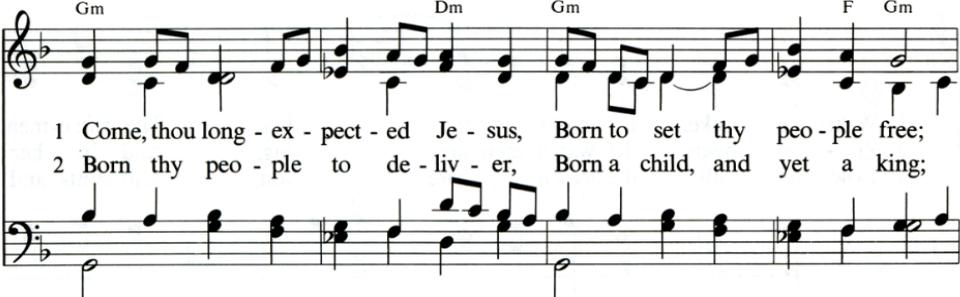
The night and the day are both a - like.



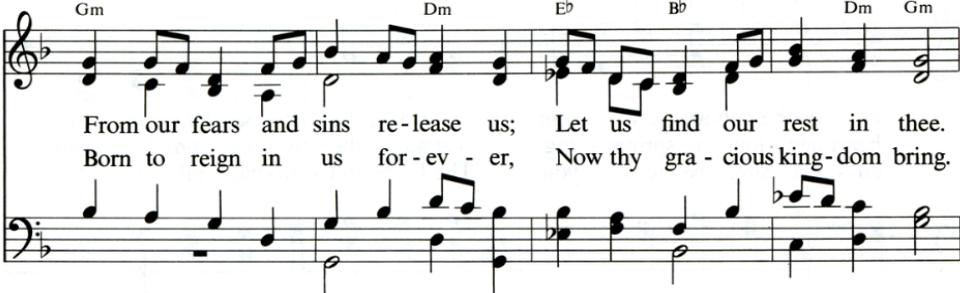
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king;



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING and THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Greg & Meredith Kilby in celebration of Michael & Crystal's engagement and Lorelyn's 30th Birthday.

A STAFFED NURSERY is available through the double doors. Welcome Katrina Strand who has accepted the position of Nursery Attendant.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Parish Hall.

ADVENT BEGINS TODAY. Mid-week Advent Services of Worship begin this Wednesday, November 30 at Noon & 7 p.m. The Advent message series is "Amazing Births." There will also be a baby item and toy drive. Unless otherwise designated, Advent offerings will be split equally between Christmas Charities Year Round (CCYR) and Kit Ministry.

THE ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION runs through Wed., Nov 30. Funds raised help MLC's Comforter group purchase notions, batting, and other supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Mission Quilt program. Place your bid on the quilt's corresponding bidding form on the table. Highest bid wins. *Please note minimum bids on items.*

LIGHT IT UP! Do you want to be part of the team to light Messiah up for the Christmas season? AKA Luminary Team. Please help today at 9:45 a.m. Many hands make light work.

24th ANNUAL RING AND SING is December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Several music groups will be participating along with the ever-popular audience participation ring-along. Donations at the door support the Madison Public Library.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap FOOD PANTRY - Canned Soup

COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED for Greeters, Coffee Makers & Wednesday Night Dinner

<u>Interim Pastor</u>	Pastor Diana Bottin	<u>Acolytes</u>	(8:30)
<u>Director of Music Ministries</u>	Lois Graff		Olivia Sullivan (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Douglass Family (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Peter Woods, Glen Long (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Jacob Dorminey, Matthew DeMarsh 11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Lector</u>	Jacque & Dennis Fry (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		Mary Ann Stasiak (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Mary Ann Stasiak (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	D. Hopkins, S. Strand (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 a.m. - MLC "Lumineers" to place luminaries out for Advent
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults Only
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr. & Sr. Youth "Fourth Sunday Dinner"
- 5:30 p.m. - Notabella

Tuesday, November 29

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, November 30

- 9:30 a.m. - Pastor's Lectionary Class
- 12:00 p.m. - Advent Service of Worship
- 5:00 p.m. - 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Class
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 7:00 p.m. - Advent Service of Worship
- 7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Friday, December 2

- 10:00 a.m. - Bridge Club

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr. & Sr. Youth
- 5:30 p.m. - Notabella

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD:

November 30, December 7, 14, 21: Advent Services of Worship at 12 noon and 7 p.m.
Theme: "Amazing Births"

December 11: Ring and Sing Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 18: Lois Graff Farewell Reception

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship at 5 and 7 p.m.

December 25: Lessons & Carols Services of Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Attendance:

November 13: Online - 60

November 20: 8:30 a.m. - 102, 11:00 a.m. - 58

Offerings Counted November 20, 2022

Church Ministries

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