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Donna will be away on vacation, returning to the office January 5, 2021. The Messiah office will be closed, but phone message and emails will be checked daily. In case of emergency please call Pastor Fran or Cheryl Bauer Hyde (306-961-2967).

Please note that the use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks is required for anyone entering the office.

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**Worship for Sunday, December 20, 2020  
4th Sunday of Advent w/Holy Communion**

As we are not worshipping in-person at this time, online Worship Services continue live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. You can view this live by going to the Messiah Lutheran Church Prince Albert YouTube page and look for "live" feed. If there are technical issues, the recorded service will be available on Messiah Facebook page and Website by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

**Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:** We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **December 20 @ 7pm by Zoom: Virtual Christmas Caroling and Fellowship:** Have your hot cocoa ready and a favorite ornament/story to share!
- **December 21 @ 7pm – Longest Night Meditative Service on our YouTube channel.**

- **Mitten, Hat and Scarf Collection** – If you have mittens, hats, or scarves you would like to donate for local children and adults, Messiah Lutheran Women (MLW) will be collecting these items during the month of December. A box to collect these items is located in the entrance by the Messiah office. Please **sanitize your hands** as you enter the Church and **wear a mask** as per the Provincial COVID-19 Guidelines when dropping off items.



Join us on-line December 24, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service



Your gifts of time, talent and resources are greatly appreciated and keep Messiah a vibrant ministry of caring, worship, fellowship, and Christian education. Thank you for all of your contributions! Financial gifts can be given a number of ways through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.



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**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Today we light the candle of love.

This year we have prayed for love.

This year we have prayed in love:

That we will love all our neighbours as ourselves.

That no one will be hungry or homeless.

That there will be an end violence against women and children  
and justice for missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Today we pray with love.

**We know God is with us in moments of peace and unrest.**

**We know God is with us.**

*(Four candles are lit.)*

Adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Elaine Boone, used with permission

**HYMN: ELW #262 - "Wait for the Lord" 2X**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

*Instead of David building a house (temple) for God, God promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, God's anointed.*

A reading from Second Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever

you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26**

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup>'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'

<sup>19</sup>You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

<sup>20</sup>I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

<sup>21</sup>My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong.

<sup>22</sup>No enemy shall deceive him, nor shall the wicked bring him down.

<sup>23</sup>I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

<sup>24</sup>My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him, and he shall be victorious through my name.

<sup>25</sup>I will set his hand on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers.

<sup>26</sup>He will say to me, 'You are my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p. 151, Setting Four**

**GOSPEL: Luke 1: 26-38**

The holy gospel according to Luke in the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people from little known places. This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in this gospel.*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON - "Possible Impossibilities"

### HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#251 - "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" vs. 1 & 3

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need praying hear us O God and responding, **Your mercy is great.**

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Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

We share a sign of that peace.

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

**Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

As we walk through the Great Thanksgiving and as we share communion here and at home, we do so believing that it is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who unites us in all times and in all places. This is God's gift of grace for you even as we gather online in our worship today.

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 our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it

to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, unite us Holy Spirit, as we share the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; To whom, with you And the Holy Spirit, Be all honor and glory, Now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God!**

### **COMMUNION**

As we share our communion at home, you may say "this is the body of Christ given for you", as you consume the bread or wafer. And you may say "this is the blood of Christ given for you," as you consume the wine or grape juice.

### **TABLE BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray,

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, In the name of the Father,  $\text{✠}$  and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Three-Fold Sung Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: ELW #266 -"All Earth is Hopeful" (vs. 1 & 3)**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**