



Messiah Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent— Dec. 19, 2010

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE – OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE:

In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before*

the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.

VISITORS WELCOME! – A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK: The Christmas Pot Luck has been moved to January 16th after church. Please make a note of it.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Will not be meeting Dec. 22nd or Dec. 29th.

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER: We are adopting all the Children from the Shalom Emergency Family Shelter for Christmas. All 16. With out us these children would have nothing, not even a real home. We also had a family of 6 from the Family Preservation Organization. We need to continue the door offering this Sunday. We are pretty close, so I'm hoping one more week should cover it all. We will be hosting a Christmas party for the children at the shelter (and their families) on Monday, Dec. 20th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. We will be having pizza, games, hot chocolate, etc. and the kids will be opening some presents. Please make every attempt to attend the party and I will need a handful of older kids to help out with some games.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY: The birth of Jesus is today's Sunday School lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family, read Luke 2:1–20 together, and talk about the details of Christ's birth. Talk about how our sin causes us to fear God like the shepherds did. Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

COOKIES AND JUICE HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY: Thank you for everyone who has signed up for cookies in December. We are still in need of someone to bring in cookies on December 26th. Anyone who wants to bring in their extra Christmas cookies can sign up! Directions are by the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.



BABY ITEM COLLECTION: The students of Christ Lutheran Academy would like to announce their ninth annual baby item collection. Rather than exchange Christmas gifts with one another, the students traditionally collect new and gently used baby items such as diapers, blankets, and clothing and donate them to A Place of Refuge Ministries in Milwaukee and Care Net Family Resource Center of Kenosha. The items will be collected at both Lamb of God and Messiah from now though Epiphany. We thank you in advance for contributing to this worthwhile cause!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We are going Christmas caroling today from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All are welcome! We are meeting at Chuck and Anita Brothers' home.

+ DIVINE SERVICE II+

THE PREPARATION

Procession Choir
Opening Hymn **357, v.1-4**
Confession & Absolution 167

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit Insert
Kyrie (*Lord have mercy*) 168
Gloria Omit
Collect Insert
Old Testament Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

“Carol for Advent” Choir
Holy Epistle Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia 173
Holy Gospel Insert
Sermon Hymn **347**
Sermon
Nicene Creed 174
Prayer of the Church 175
Offering 175
Offertory 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers 177
Words of Institution 179
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) 183
Dist. Hymns **353, 338, 383**
Nunc Dimittis 182
Prayer 183
Benediction 183
Final Hymn **357 v. 5-7**

Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn Announcements

In Our Prayers

- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke and Vinita Matthaides.
- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Elyse Ahlgrimm, Sharon Geibel & Kathryn Peperkorn.
- For all the children and Little Lambs Learning Center staff: Mary Jo Jiter (Director), Marge Harmon (Sub), Ruth Mallman, Tracy Weed, Joann Campolo, Caitlin Kwasigroch (Sub), Robyn Gray (Sub) & Doug Saulys (Janitor).
- DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Daniel & Brielle Weed, Ted & Katie Hart and Rob Gray, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Ralph Arndt (Allison Stephan's Grandfather), Nora & John Cashin (friend's parents— cancer), Fred Dissen (cancer), Lois Metallo (knee surgery), Tracy Weed (Rotator Cuff Surgery) & Ginnie Baese.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Tyler Nehls
 Ushers: DuWayne Griepentrog & Roger Jeschke
 Greeter: Gail Kulbacki
 Altar Guild: Marilyn & Diana Dissen
 Organist: Monica Scholz
 Cookies: Marge Harmon



INCOME

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| Average Budget Income needed in a week | \$3,667 |
| Budget Income received 12/8 | \$370 |
| Budget Income received 12/12 | \$1997 |
| Budget Income received to needed | -\$1300 |
| Received to Needed YTD 2010 (Deficit) | - \$25,286 |

Attendance 12/12: 84 Communed: 60

This Week's Events for Messiah

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| TODAY | Christmas Caroling | 3:00 p.m. |
| Mon., Dec. 20th | Shalom Gift Giving Party | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thurs., Dec. 23rd | KALEA Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| Fri., Dec. 24th | Lessons and Carols | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Christmas Eve Divine Service | 11:00 p.m. |
| Sat., Dec. 25th | Christmas Day Divine Service | 10:00 a.m. |

Future Events for Messiah

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| Sun. Dec. 26th | Open House at Peperkorns | 3:00-6:00 p.m. |
| Fri. Dec. 31st | New Year's Eve Divine Service | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Jan 5th | Women's Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. |

Pray for our members

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| 12/19 | Karen Nichols |
| 12/20 | Brandon Cleereman |
| 12/21 | Sara Ricchio |
| 12/22 | Bill Dissen |
| 12/23 | Lisa Leisten |
| 12/24 | Natalie Stephans |
| 12/25 | Mary Siebert |

Baptism Anniversaries

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| 12/24 | John Hernandez |
| | Amy Walther |

Birthdays

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| 12/21 | Theresa Busanet |
| 12/24 | Amy Walther |
| 12/26 | Mary Jo Jiter |

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John the Baptizer Points Everyone to the Messiah

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39–56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4–7).