

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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The Baptism of Our Lord– January 8, 2012

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.

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.



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.

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.

VACANCY: Pastor Smallwood and Pastor Grenyo are helping with the vacancy. Pastor Grenyo will be in the office every Sunday from 8:00 to 8:30 am if you need to speak with him. Pastor Smallwood will handle emergencies and visit our shut ins. Pastor Smallwood may be reached at (262) 287-3389.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday morning Bible study will resume January 11th.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Thank you to all who gave to the benevolent fund in November. \$939.25 was collected. This is wonderful! Even so, some members are still in need of financial assistance. The good news is, you may still give to this fund. We will no longer be collecting at the door. You may place a check or cash directly into the offering plate. If you are writing a check, please write benevolent fund on the memo line. If you wish to give cash, please place it into an envelope marked "benevolent fund". "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, *and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*" (Galatians 6:10 ESV)

ROOMS FOR RENT: Bob Trapp has 2 available rooms for rent at his residence. Room rentals would be on a short term basis (4-12 months), with a preference for Lutheran/Christian men as tenants. For further information, contact Bob at 262-889-8397.

FLOWER CHART: The new flower chart for 2012 is up. Please sign up for flowers! Thank you!

CREATION MUSEUM: Pastor Tom Chryst from Grace Lutheran Church is organizing a trip to the Creation Museum (near Cincinnati), on April 13-15, 2012. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Pastor Chryst at tomchryst@yahoo.com.



PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING COOKIES & JUICE: Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Quantities needed and instructions are also listed there. **NO ONE IS SIGNED UP!!**

POINSETTIAS: Anyone who paid for poinsettias is welcome to take them home today. Also, there are people who signed up for poinsettias that have not yet paid for them. If you made the commitment, please make your payments when you can. **THANK YOU!**

+ DIVINE SERVICE II+ THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**398**
Confession & Absolution.....167

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit Insert
Kyrie (*Lord have mercy*)..... 168
Gloria in Excelsis..... 170
Collect..... Insert
Old Testament..... Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual.....Insert
Holy Epistle.....Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia 173
Holy Gospel Insert
Sermon Hymn **406**
Sermon
Nicene Creed 174
Prayer of the Church..... 175
Offering..... 175
Offertory 176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Lord's Prayer 179
Words of Institution..... 179
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 180
Dist. Hymns..... **402, 395, 401**
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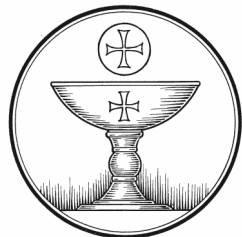
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Elyse Ahlgrimm, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Kris Grenyo, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Rob Gray, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, Cheri Jennings (cancer, CLA parent), John Hrupka, Allen Swift (hip replacement on 11/23), and Karen Griffin (sister of Marilyn Dissen).
- For Messiah as we prepare to call a new pastor.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Todd Walther
 Ushers: Tyler & Austin Nehls
 Greeter: Gail Kulbacki
 Altar Guild: Doris Colombe & Kathy Capriotti
 Organist:
 Cookies: Donna Primuth



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week \$3,255
 Budget Income received 1/1 \$1,472
 Budget Income received to needed -\$1,783
 Received to Budget YTD 2012 (Deficit) -\$1,783

Attendance 1/1: 75 Communed: 56

This Week's Events for Messiah

Jan. 12th LWML Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Jan. 15th Pot Luck 11:30 a.m.
 Jan. 19th Spiritual Life 6:00 p.m.
 Parish Planning 7:15 p.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

1/9 Ted & Katie Hart
 1/12 Mark & LeAnn Varvil
 1/13 Taylor & Yessenia Heitkamp

Baptism Anniversaries

1/8 Trevor Gray
 1/9 Kaiden Heitkamp
 1/10 Louise Braya
 1/11 Jamie Kauppila
 1/12 Tamara Weathersby

Pray for our members

1/8 Kelly Pederson
 1/9 Elise Walther
 1/10 Joseph Brothers
 1/11 Heidi Tobalsky
 1/12 Kathy Capriotti
 1/13 William Gray
 1/14 Melissa Brieman

Birthdays

1/9 Bill Colombe
 1/10 Paul Swift
 1/12 Sarah Billings
 1/13 Elsie Rintamaki
 1/14 Jeff Zuehls

**The Baptism of Our Lord
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In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “chosen” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.