



Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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First Sunday in Advent– December 2, 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.

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are provided by Paul & Mary Rusch in memory of Edwin Matthaïdëss.

VACANCY: Pastor Spahn has office hours on most Thursdays. For an emergency please contact an elder or call directly to Pastor's cell phone: 847-224-9524.

INFORMATION MEETING: There is an informational meeting today after church to inform the congregation of the recommendations from the call committee. Please attend if you can. WE WILL BE VOTING NEXT WEEK!!

CHURCH RECORDS: Please take a look at the church records that are in the fellowship hall and feel free to add and/or revise as needed. I know there are families missing from our records. When you have time, please look for past friends and family that are no longer members here to help complete the church records. Thank you!

LWML RETREAT: LWML is hosting the 25th Annual LWML Young Women's Retreat Feb. 1 & 2, 2013. Please see the bulletin board in front of the secretary's office for more information.

CHURCH USE: Please remember to clean up and put everything away after you have used the church for an event. Also, please do not leave items on the secretary's desk. If the secretary needs to do something with an item that is left on the desk, please leave a note with the item. Thank you!

CARICATURE PORTRAITS: A talented young artist from Pentecost Lutheran Church is working his way to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas, July of 2013. Ian Barclay is using his God-given talent in a unique way. For a small fee, \$50.00 for 2 hours or \$90.00 for 4 hours, Ian will attend your party or event, bringing all the supplies necessary to draw caricature portraits for your guests. 8 ½ x 11 sized paper is used for a black and white unframed drawing. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to add a unique twist to your next party or gathering, and support a youth in his journey to the NYG. Please contact Ian directly to make arrangements, 262-995-3451. Special pricing is available for larger, all day events or individual requests.

CATECHESIS CLASS: There will be no Wednesday evening catechesis class at Lamb of God on Dec. 26th or Jan. 2nd.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: Thank you to everyone who picked a tag for the Christmas giving. Gifts may be wrapped and should be delivered to church no later than Sunday, Dec. 16. Questions? See Kris Kochman, Heidi or Kate Tobalsky or Diane Kentala. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection envelopes and marked "Christmas gifts for the needy." Checks should be made out to MLC.

CLA MUSIC RECITAL: CLA is having a music recital on Friday, December 7th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn....**343, choir vs. 1-2**
Confession & Absolution.....184

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert
Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy*).....186
Gloria.....omitted
Collect.....Insert
Old Testament..... Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.....190
Holy Gospel..... Insert
Apostles Creed.....192
Sermon Hymn.....**345**
Sermon
Offertory 192
Offering 193
Prayer of the Church..... 193

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers..... 194
The Lord's Prayer 196
Words of Institution..... 197
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 198
Dist.Hymns.....**332 vs. 1-6, 346, 337**
Nunc Dimittis.....199
Prayer.....201
Benediction.....202
Silent Prayer
Final Hymn..... **338**

Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn Announcements

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Allen Weber, and Lynn Christensen, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, Lillian Sciortino, and Crystal Stoll.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, John Hrupka, George Metallo, Peter Campagna, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen's brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), and Parker & Camden Blair.
- For Messiah as we call a new pastor.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Todd Walther
 Ushers: Tyler & Austin Nehls
 Greeter: Diane Eisenbraun
 Altar Guild: Kate & Heidi Tobalsky
 Organist: Monica Scholz
 Cookies: Donna Primuth



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week \$3,255
 Budget Income received Thanksgiving Eve \$595
 Budget Income received 11/25 \$1,862
 Budget Income received to needed -\$798

Attendance 11/25: 90 Communed: 75

This Week's Events for Messiah

TODAY	INFORMATION MEETING	10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 5th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 6th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8th	Hanging of the Greens	9:00 a.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Sunday, Dec. 9th	VOTER'S MEETING	10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 11th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 12th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 16th	Children's Christmas Program	4:30 p.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/2 David Corey
 Kamren Nicolazzi
 12/7 Melissa Brieman
 12/9 Wally Pipkorn

Pray for our members

12/2 Marge Harmon
 12/3 Paul Rusch
 12/4 Cindy Adamczyk
 12/5 Jacob Tobalsky
 12/6 Pat Mills
 12/7 Brandon Cleereman
 12/8 Kaitlin Kentala

Birthdays

12/3 Joshua Jacobs
 12/7 Trevor Gray
 12/8 Nathan Corey
 Adam Leisten
 Mark Varvil

**The First Sunday in Advent
 December 2, 2012**



**The Alarm Clock is Ringing
 Romans 13:11**

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).