

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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Last Sunday of the Church Year– November 24, 2013

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.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Roemke on his cell phone: 262-455-0255. This is his permanent cell phone number.

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar today are provided by Lou & Kathy Capriotti in honor of their anniversary.

CHILDREN'S ST. NICHOLAS PROGRAM: The children's program will be held Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. Please put it on your calendars! Practice schedules will be provided to parents soon. Most of the practices will be held during Sunday School. **There will be a practice held on Saturday, 11/30 from 10:00-12:00.**

CLA STORE: Purchase your "CLA Gear" or buy other Lutheran gifts at: <http://www.cafepress.com/christlutheranacademy>. All proceeds from the profit of these products go directly to benefit the education of our children at Christ Lutheran Academy.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP CLA: There are many ways to help CLA. Bring in Box Tops for Education. There is a place on the counter in the fellowship hall for these items. If you are a Thrivent Member, you may be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. You can request that the choice dollars be sent to CLA.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: The Social Welfare Committee is once again making plans to sponsor families in need by providing Christmas gifts this season. Congregation members will have an opportunity to sponsor a child or adult in need through the Shalom Center and Family Preservation social service agencies. Look for further information later this month. Questions? See Kate Tobalsky, Heidi Tobalsky, Kris Kochman or Diane Kentala.

BOOKS FOR SALE: There are some Thanksgiving children's books in the secretary's office. They are on sale for \$5. Please see Allison Stephans if you are interested in purchasing a book. One left!

WHITE BOXES: There are white cardboard boxes on the floor throughout the church. These are mouse traps. Please do not move them. Thank you!

+ DIVINE SERVICE I+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**396**
Confession & Absolution.....151

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit..... Insert
Kyrie..... 152
This is the Feast.....155
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 & Verse..... 156
Holy Gospel..... Insert
Sermon Hymn..... **516**
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Prayer of the Church..... 159
Offering.....159
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Lord's Prayer 162
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Dist.Hymns.....**905, 514, 725, 873**
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Final Hymn..... **895**

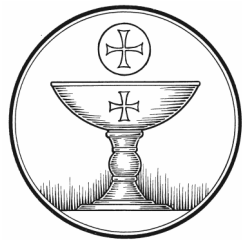
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

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.
- For Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- For expecting mothers: Melissa Brieman
- For Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen's brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), John Mills, Joe Garcia (brother of Victor Garcia), Carla Kreuger (cousin of Becky & Ashley Noble), Gail Kulbacki, Pastor Keuch, and Richard Lowe.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Scott Tobalsky
 Ushers: Tyler & Austin Nehls
 Greeter: Gail Kulbacki
 Altar Guild: Doris Colombe & Kathy Capriotti
 Organist: Evone Hagerman
 Cookies: Kochman Family



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,560
Budget Income Received 11/17	\$2,793
Budgeted Income Received to Needed	-\$767
Received to Budget YTD 2013	-\$28,213

Attendance 11/17: 111 Communed: 81

This Week's Events for Messiah

Tues. Nov. 26th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 27th	Divine Service w/ CLA	8:15 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov. 30th	Expo & Bake Sale	10:00 a.m.
	Children's Program Practice	10:00 a.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Sun. Dec. 1st	Hanging of the Greens	11:30 a.m.
Tues. Dec. 3rd	KALEA meeting at LOG	6:30 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 4th	Advent Midweek Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 5th	Children's Program	6:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 8th	VOTER'S MEETING	10:30 a.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

11/24 Lou & Kathy Capriotti

Baptism Anniversaries

11/25 Natalie Stephans
 11/29 Artyom Varvil
 Sergei Varvil

Pray for our members

11/24 Brent Jiter
 11/25 Debi Tauschek
 11/26 Ryan Busse
 11/27 Lisa Leisten
 11/28 Troy Wohlgefahrt
 11/29 Brie Ratzburg
 11/30 Victor Garcia

Birthdays

11/25 Stephanie Zuehls
 11/27 Bruce Eisenbraun
 Paula Koch
 11/28 Denise Jacobs
 11/30 Kaiden Heitkamp

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By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *"For you know neither the day nor the hour"* when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17-25).