

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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First Sunday in Advent– December 1, 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 are provided by Paul & Mary Rusch in memory of Edwin Matthaïdëss.

CHILDREN'S ST. NICHOLAS PROGRAM: The children's program will be held this Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

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.

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A class for those who are interested in becoming members of Messiah will be starting in January. If you are interested, please speak with pastor.

CD'S AVAILABLE: CD's are available in the fellowship hall. They make a great gift! A donation is appreciated for the CD's.

ADVENT SERVICES: Please note the time change from when midweek services have been held in the past: Advent services are at 6:30 on Wednesdays.

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.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**341**
Confession & Absolution.....184

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert
Kyrie.....186
Hymn.....**936**
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.....190
Holy Gospel..... Insert

Apostles' Creed.....192
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Sermon
"I Will Give Thanks"..... Choir

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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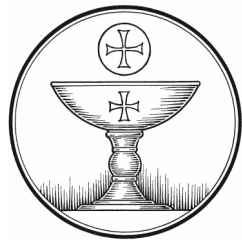
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, 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), Pastor Keuch, Richard Lowe, and Lois Metallo.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Don Moe
 Ushers: Sam Braya & Roger Jeschke
 Greeter: Mary Rusch
 Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki & Lois Metallo
 Organist: Monica Scholz
 Cookies: Trapp Family



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week \$3,560
 Budget Income Received 11/24 \$
 Budgeted Income Received to Needed -\$
 Received to Budget YTD 2013 -\$

Attendance 11/14: 130 Communed: 94

This Week's Events for Messiah

TODAY	Hanging of the Greens	11:30 a.m.
Tues. Dec. 3rd	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
	KALEA meeting at LOG	6:30 p.m.
Wed. Nov. 4th	Divine Service w/ CLA	8:15 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Midweek Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 5th	Children's Program	6:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 6th	CLA Recital	2:00 p.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Sun. Dec. 8th	VOTER'S MEETING	10:30 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 11th	Advent Midweek Service	6:30 p.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/1	Bruce Eisenbraun
	Vickie Bruneau
12/2	David Corey
	Kamren Nicolazzi
12/7	Melissa Brieman

Pray for our members

12/1	Cara Russo-Bichsel
12/2	Jerome Knull
12/3	Stacey Cleereman
12/4	Austin Nehls
12/5	Olivia Tobalsky
12/6	Brian Blair
12/7	Evone Hagerman

Birthdays

12/1	Betty Hrupka
12/3	Joshua Jacobs

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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).