

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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Fourth Sunday in Advent– December 22, 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.

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.

FLOWER CHART: The flower chart for 2014 is now posted. Please sign up for flowers!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: The Sunday school children are singing for the Christmas Eve Service. If you have children in Sunday school, please have them at church at 4:40 so they can practice before the service starts.

ENVELOPES: Giving envelopes for 2014 have been put in everyone's mail-boxes. Don't forget to pick them up!

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.

APPLE HOLLER SPECIAL: Apple Holler has a program to help donate money to the church. Whenever you eat at Apple Holler, they will send 10% of the bill back to the church! You just need to bring in your most recent church bulletin. This offer is valid Sunday through Saturday, for all meals.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**353**
Confession & Absolution.....184

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert
Kyrie.....186
Hymn.....**338**
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
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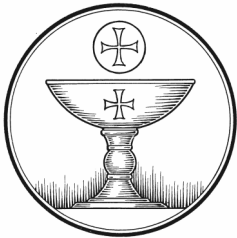
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

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, Lois Metallo, and Dale Nichols (Karen’s husband).

Christ’s Servants Today

Elder: Bob Trapp
Ushers: Keith & Jacob Kentala
Greeter: Mary Rusch
Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki
Organist: Evone Hagerman
Cookies:



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,560
Budget Income Received 12/11	\$342
Budget Income Received 12/15	\$3,260
Budged Income Received to Needed	\$42
Received to Budget YTD 2013	-\$32,417

This Week’s Events for Messiah

Tues. Dec. 24th	Lessons & Carols	5:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 a.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Thurs. Jan. 16th	Parish Planning	6:00 p.m.
	Spiritual Life	7:15 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 18th	Lutheran Confessional Study	9:30 a.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/24 John Hernandez
Amy Walther

Pray for our members

12/22 Kelly Garcia
12/23 Chuck Leisten
12/24 Lorraine Swift
12/25 Roger Jeschke
12/26 Theresa Busanet
12/27 Robert Zuehls
12/28 Kathy Rabey

Birthdays

12/24 Amy Walther
12/26 Mary Jo Jiter
12/28 Jason Capriotti
Lauri Trapp

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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).