

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## Christ Lutheran Academy

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### Fourth Sunday in Advent– December 18, 2011

**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.

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday December 21st, Midweek Advent Service, Vespers, 7:00pm

Saturday December 24th, Christmas Eve, Divine Service, 7:00pm

Sunday December 25th, Christmas Day, Divine Service, 10:00am (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT CATECHESIS, OR CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS)

**BABY ITEM COLLECTION:** The students of Christ Lutheran Academy would like to announce their tenth annual baby item collection. Rather than exchange Christmas gifts with one another, the students traditionally collect new and gently used baby items such as diapers, blankets, and clothing and donate them to Care Net Family Resource Center of Kenosha. The items will be collected at both Lamb of God and Messiah from now through Epiphany. We thank you in advance for contributing to this worthwhile cause!

**FAMILY IN NEED:** A local social service agency requests help for a family in need that is setting up a new home. If you have any of the following (gently) used items, they would be appreciated: 2 twin beds, couch/love seat, end tables, dressers (3), pots and pans, dishes etc. Please contact Carmyn, from KAFASI, at 498-4769.

**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 of our congregation are still in need of financial assistance. The good news is, you may still give to this fund. However, 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.

**CAROLING:** We are Christmas caroling TODAY! Please meet at Chuck & Anita Brother's house at 3:30 (after the Packer game) and bring a snack. There will be a party after the caroling!

**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](mailto:tomchryst@yahoo.com).

### + DIVINE SERVICE II+ THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**383**  
Confession & Absolution.....167

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit ..... Insert  
Kyrie (*Lord have mercy*)..... 168  
Gloria in Excelsis..... omitted  
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 .....**357**  
Sermon  
Nicene Creed ..... 174  
Prayer of the Church..... 175  
Offering..... 175  
Offertory ..... 176

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers..... 177  
The Lord's Prayer ..... 179  
Words of Institution..... 179  
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 180  
Dist. Hymns.....**334, 346, 934**  
Nunc Dimittis.....182  
Prayer.....183  
Benediction.....183  
Final Hymn ..... **737**

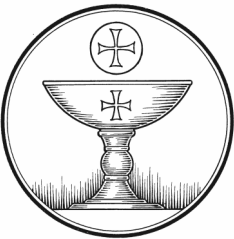
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn  
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all expecting mothers: Kelly Pederson
- 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, and Allen Swift (hip replacement on 11/23).
- For Messiah as we prepare to call a new pastor.

Christ’s Servants Today

Elder: Don Moe  
Ushers: Mike Snodgrass  
Greeter: Stacey Cleereman  
Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki & Diane Eisenbraun  
Organist: Monica Scholz  
Cookies: The Capriotti family



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,600
Budget Income received 12/7	\$209
Budget Income received 12/11	\$2,799
Received \$100 donation for Project Rehab	
Budget Income received to needed	-\$592
Received to Budget YTD 2011 (Deficit)	-\$25,736

Attendance 12/11: 124      Communed: 97

This Week’s Events for Messiah

Dec. 21st	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Children’s Catechism at LOG	4:15 p.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Divine Service	10:00 a.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Jan. 4th	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Children’s Catechism at LOG	4:15 p.m.
Jan. 15th	Pot Luck (subject to change depending on playoff schedule)	11:30 a.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/18	Dennis Metallo
	Lindsey Brothers
	Kaitlin Kentala
12/19	Pat Tauschek
12/24	John Hernandez
	Amy Walther

Birthdays

12/18	Rachel Dickey
12/19	Karen Nichols
12/21	Theresa Busanet
12/24	Amy Walther

Pray for our members

12/18	Jami Ross
12/19	Matthew Knull
12/20	Hayley Weathersby
12/21	Louise Braya
12/22	John Hrupka
12/23	Olivia DelFrate
12/24	Arby Tobalsky

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 18, 2011

ADVENT-

Make ready  
the way of Lord.



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).