

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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Second Sunday in Advent– December 9, 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 Don & Cheryl Moe in honor of Crystal Stoll's 98th birthday!

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.

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.

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.

“GRACE UPON GRACE”: Bill Dissen recently received the book “Grace Upon Grace” as a gift. It was very meaningful to him and wants to encourage others to read it. The author clarifies that there is no process for becoming spiritual. Instead, God graciously gives to us every spiritual gift that we need, beginning with the very gift of faith in Christ, our Savior. Because God has joined us to Christ, He continually comes to give us life. There is more information on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office if you are interested.

CHRISTIAN MUSICAL: The Forgotten Man, A Story of Joseph of Nazareth is a new Christian musical. It will be performed at Wilmot High School (11112 308th Ave, Wilmot, WI). There are no tickets needed. Donations will be given to Global Ministries. Performances are Friday, Dec. 21st at 8:00 pm, Saturday, Dec. 22 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 23 at 2:00. Call Travis Wetzel with questions at 262-862-2351.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**331**
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.....**354**
Sermon
Offertory 192
Offering 193
“When Will the Little King Come”..
.....Choir
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.....**336, 355, 348**
Nunc Dimittis.....199
Prayer.....201
Benediction202
Silent Prayer
Final Hymn.....**333 vs. 1 & 4**

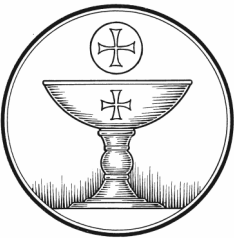
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn
Announcements*

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 Disson (Bill Disson’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: Scott Tobalsky
Ushers: Sam Braya & Roger Jeschke
Greeter: Mary Rusch
Altar Guild: Kate & Heidi Tobalsky
Organist: Evone Hagerman
Cookies: Tom & Heidi Tobalsky



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,255
Budget Income received 12/2	\$2,798
Budget Income received to needed	-\$457

Attendance 12/2: 100 Communed: 83

This Week’s Events for Messiah

TODAY	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.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 13th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15th	Christmas Program Practice	10:00 a.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Sunday, Dec. 16th	Children’s Christmas Program	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec.18th	Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 19th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 20th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.

Wedding Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week

Baptism Anniversaries

12/11	Nathan Corey
	Noah Corey
12/14	Edwin Brieman

Pray for our members

12/9	Jamie Kauppila
12/10	Nick Tauschek
12/11	Michelle Carpenter
12/12	Dennis Metallo
12/13	Cara Zietz
12/14	William Gray
12/15	Brooke Ratzburg

Birthdays

12/14	John Hernandez
12/15	Mary Siebert
	Crystal Stoll

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Hope In Judgment
Romans 15:4

The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “great and awesome day” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “set them ablaze” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.