

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019



INTROIT

Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

Spoken:

- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;*
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- C** **Seek the Lord and his strength;***
seek his presence continually!
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, his servant,***
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- P** He is the Lord our God;*
his judgments are in all the earth.
- C** **He remembers his covenant forever,***
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son***
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;*
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

In Our Prayers

Noel Channon, who lost his brother this week.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's lesson, "A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next

king of Israel, with the reminder, "The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Please be sure to pick up a devotional for our next Advent series, Behold the Child, in the narthex.

IN NEED OF GIFT CARDS? The holidays are coming and once again, Concordia requests that you think SCRIP for all your gift card needs. **We will be at our usual location in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.** Stop by and see us, get some things checked off you list and support our school in the process!

ANNUAL "THANK YOU" GIFT TO CHURCH STAFF: As we move beyond Thanksgiving and into a new church year, let's take a moment to be thankful for the faithful preaching, teaching and worship that we experience at Messiah. There are a number of workers in our church who make that possible. Messiah traditionally collects a monetary "thank you gift" for our dedicated church staff to present to them at our Christmas Eve service. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider contributing to these gifts. To do so, please place your gift in a designated envelope and put it in the offering bag or deliver it to the church office **by December 22nd.**

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm at Mama Melina Ristorante, located at 5101 25th Ave NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LADIES' GUILD ANNUAL "OUT TO LUNCH": Ladies' Guild will be meeting for our annual luncheon on Wednesday, December 11th at Standford's Restaurant, located at 401 NE Northgate Way. We get started at noon and all Messiah ladies are invited to attend. RSVP to Marjorie Longan, at 206-525-8131. Hope to see you there!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SCHEDULE: The midweek Advent services have been scheduled as listed below. Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm and service will be at 7:00 pm these evenings.

Behold the Child

December 11: To Set You Free From All Your Sorrow

December 18: For You, To Bear Your Flesh In Weakness

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Advent is already here and it's time to get the church building ready for Christmas. A small group of volunteers is needed to help decorate the sanctuary on December 14th beginning at 9:00 am. Additionally, all the children are invited to help decorate the tree in the sanctuary after the Christmas program practice on December 14th around 1:00 pm. Contact Josh Pemberton at 425-221-1119 for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Fill your hearts with joy as we await our Savior's birth at Behold the Child, the children's Christmas program, which will take place during the education hour on Sunday December 15th. The program is expected to begin at 9:45 am. The children will be practicing songs and group speaking lines during Sunday School in the weeks to come, and we will have a dress rehearsal on Saturday December 14th at 10:00 am. It will be very important for all the children to be in attendance at the rehearsal so they feel comfortable with how the program will run in the sanctuary, and the solo speakers will get to practice speaking into the mic. If your child cannot attend the dress rehearsal, please let Lisa Lindstrom know ASAP.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will be caroling to some of Messiah's shut-ins on Sunday, December 15th. Meet at church at 2:00 pm to carpool. Questions? contact Ann Melvin or Stephanie Colbert.

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION REPORT: In the month of November, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran & Women's Cascade Compass Center: 1 large package of women's hygiene products, 2 small packages of women's hygiene products, 5 body washes, 3 hand soaps, and 7 shampoos. **Thank you for your generosity!** Please place your items in the Cry Room lounge basket across from the coffee bar. In December, we are collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and hand/body lotions.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE IN THE NARTHEX! Have you grabbed yours for the holiday this year? Only one dollar, this is a great way to help support Messiah's missions. Grab yours today!

CALL FOR PERFORMERS: If you are a musician and have wanted to join the choir and ensemble but are not sure what we do, or if you are looking to share your talents in the spirit of Christmas giving, come play and sing with us this Christmas Eve! We welcome any instrument and vocal ability and would love to have you join us as we share our gifts with Christ's church. If you are interested, please join the ensemble rehearsals following Advent service, or the choir rehearsals at 7:00 pm. Please contact Tiffany Walker, walkertiffanyjf@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

DECORATING MESSIAH WITH POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS: Members who wish to contribute to the purchase of poinsettias for Christmas will find a sign-up sheet next to the flower chart in the hallway. The cost for each poinsettia is \$12.00. Please use a designated envelope, labeled **Poinsettia**, and place it in the collection with your Sunday offerings. You are welcome to take your flowers home after Christmas Day service.

CHRISTMAS EVE: Christmas Eve's Candlelight Service starts at **7:00 pm** with readings and hymns.

CHRISTMAS DAY: The Divine Service for Christmas starts at **9:30 am**. We look forward to seeing you as we welcome the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Please note, this year we will be will not be holding the Evening Prayer service.

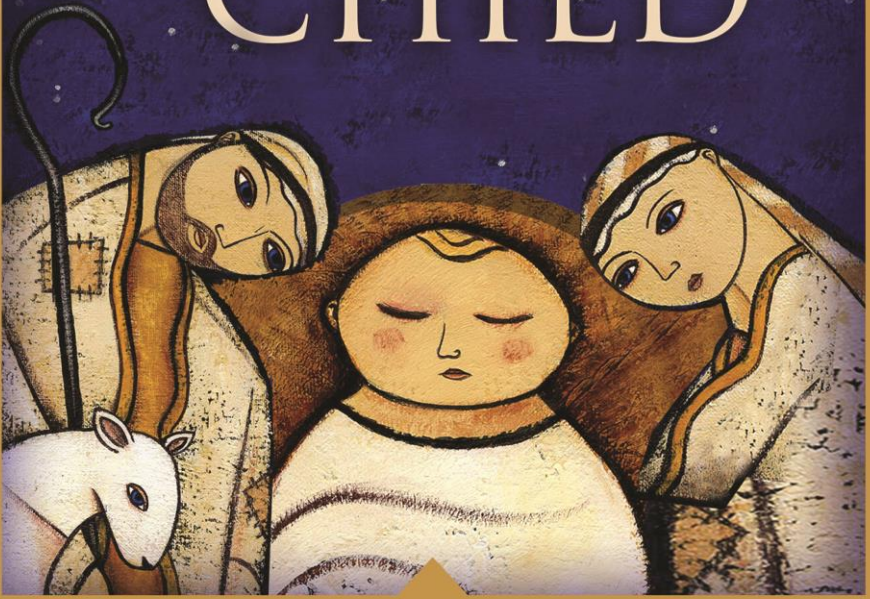
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DAILY READINGS

December 8: Is. 24:14–25:12; 1 John 2:15–29; **9:** Is. 26:1–19; 1 John 3:1–24; **10:** Is. 26:20–27:13; 1 John 4:1–21; **11:** Is. 28:14–29; 1 John 5:1–21; **12:** Is. 29:1–14; Jude 1–25; **13:** Is. 29:15–30:14; Rev. 1:1–20; **14:** Is. 30:15–26; Rev. 2:1–29

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BEHOLD *The* CHILD



JOIN US FOR THIS ADVENT
MIDWEEK SERIES

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Advent Dinners at 6:00 pm

December 4: For You And All The World
December 11: To Set You Free From All Your Sorrow
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+ + + KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE + + +

What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent.

Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.



How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.

