

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

January 26, 2020



INTROIT

Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22



- P** I will tell of your name to my | brothers,*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.
- C** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
- P** For kingship belongs | to the Lord,*
and he rules over the | nations.
- C** All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who
could not keep him- | self alive.
- P** Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- C** they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet
unborn,*
that he has | done it.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

In Our Prayers

Sue Hewitson, for a successful surgery.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: "Homecoming Hopes" is the theme for our lesson this week. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. Discuss together, "What homecoming can we look forward to as God's children?"

TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY: You can place your mite box in the basket at the Usher's station. These mites help support various LWML missions.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL TRAIN FOR RYAN AND DANIELLE SMITH: What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. Mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. <https://mealtrain.com/w36y80>

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 pm at Jalisco Mexican Restaurant, located at 12336 31st Ave. NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

CONCORDIA CHILI COOK-OFF AND LEST RETURN! In years past, February was known in the Concordia world for the annual Chili Cook-Off and LEST! At some point, the cook-off was discontinued. However, we are reinstating this annual event and our 5th/6th graders are competing in the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (LEST) Feb 13-15th! So... start practicing your favorite chili recipe in preparation for this event on Sunday, February 9th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Concordia Wedgwood campus! RSVP to the cook off to admin@concordiaseattle.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Messiah is sponsoring a Sandwich Making for Neighbors in Need for February 9th after the Education hour in our Fellowship Hall. Please mark this on your calendar for help in making the sandwiches. We need the loan of 4-5 ice chests for the day to transport the product. Please see the sign up sheet for this event in the second floor hallway.

PRESCHOOL FAMILIES! Helping Your Child Develop Fine Motor Skills (to help with Kindergarten Readiness) Has Been Rescheduled For February 12th, at noon! Bring your lunch for this event hosted by occupational therapist and friend of Concordia, Megan Eastman, to learn more about developing gross motor skills for your child(ren)! Children 2 and under can join you as you learn. RSVP to shelbeyd@concordiaseattle.com. 7040 36th Ave NE.

VALENTINES DAY CARDS: Looking for the perfect card for your Valentine? Look no further! We've got a wonderful selection out in the Narthex. At \$1 each, it seems like a no-brainer solution, eh? Pick yours up today!

LADIES NIGHT OUT: In February, we will meet at Mekong Village Vietnamese Restaurant on February 17th at 6:00 pm. The restaurant is located at 12020 Aurora Ave N. Please RSVP to Bev Edmon, text (425) 773-3711, email bevedmon@gmail.com. We look forward to having you join us.

ANNUAL AUCTION MARCH 28TH: Roaring 20's! Save the date and gather your 1920's attire to join us for our annual auction on Saturday, March 28th! Our goal is to raise \$85,000 and break attendance records! If you are interested in being a table host to gather 8 people for a table or have ideas of items you could donate (vacation home, nice wine, themed basket, a service), please email clsauction@concordiaseattle.com.

DONATION MADE WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS: The Sunday School made a recent donation to Lutherans in Africa. The year-end balance of offerings was \$221.61, and this total was given to help support the mission organization headed by Pastor James May, who recently visited Messiah.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED: Here at Messiah, we are thankful for the passionate and dedicated Sunday School teachers that provide weekly Christian education for our young members. But sometimes those teachers have other commitments that pull them away from their post for a Sunday here and there. The Sunday School is seeking a couple members who would be willing to support the regular teachers in a substitute role. Interested members would be welcome to attend some classes led by regular teachers in order to increase comfort level for teaching a class, and any additional resources or training would also be provided as needed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Lisa Lindstrom in person on Sundays, or by email: lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com.

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NEW ALTAR FLOWER CHART IS UP! Have a special day that you would like to honor with a donation of flowers for the Sunday altar? Sign up now to reserve your Sunday while the chart is fresh and dates are unclaimed. You can find it in the hall just outside the upstairs restrooms. If you'd like to donate flowers, you do not have to purchase a bouquet--homegrown arrangement are fine also. We have vases in the sacristy in which to put them. Have questions about this process? Contact Cheryl Taylor, cat1596@gmail.com, for more information.

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: A Lutheran Response to a Post Christian Culture, The Words of Scripture: Love, Eternal Punishment, A Disney+ Miniseries "The Mandalorian" and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.



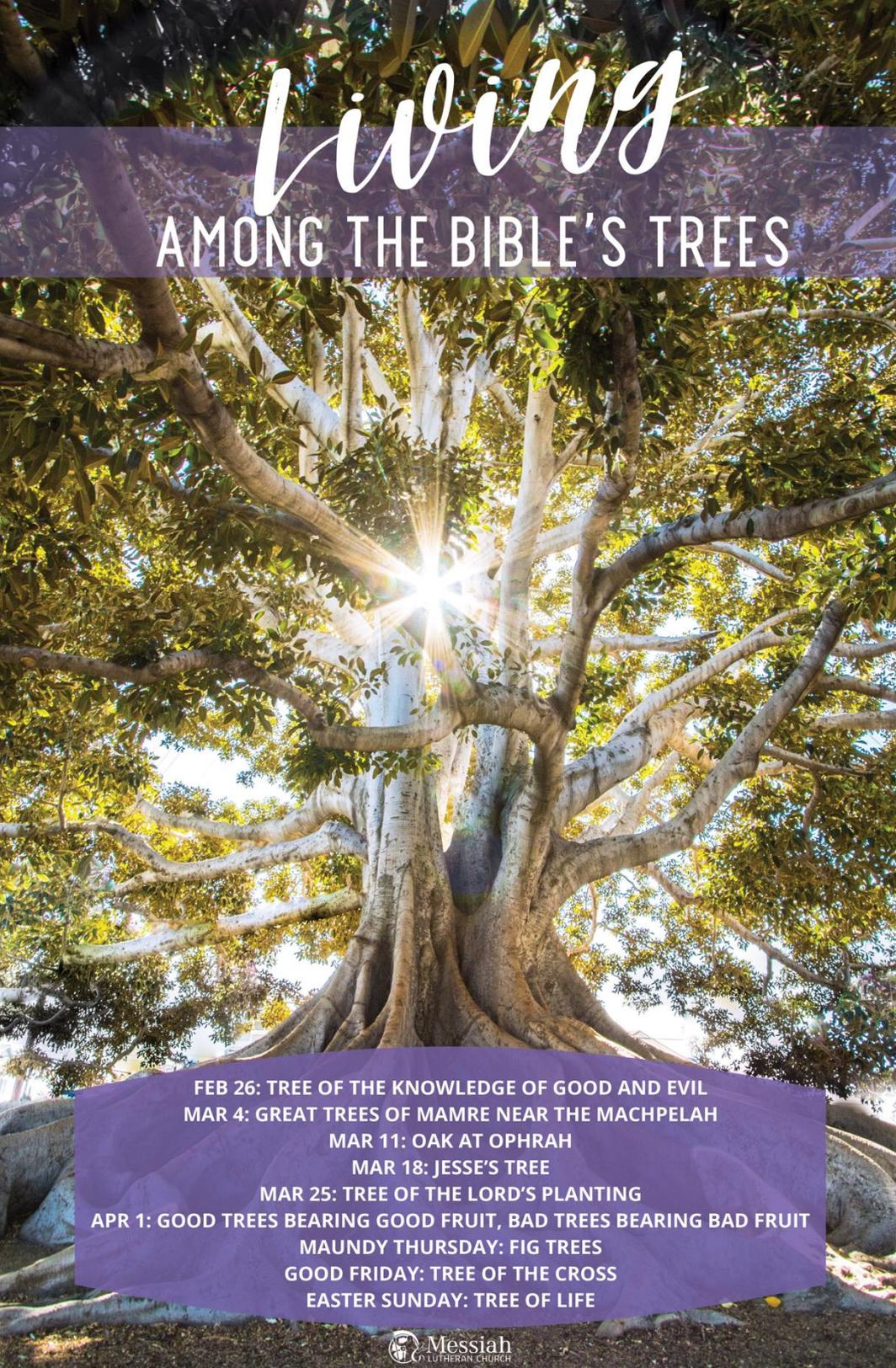
Ash Wednesday

February 26th



Lent

Begins



Living

AMONG THE BIBLE'S TREES

FEB 26: TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

MAR 4: GREAT TREES OF MAMRE NEAR THE MACHPELAH

MAR 11: OAK AT OPHRAH

MAR 18: JESSE'S TREE

MAR 25: TREE OF THE LORD'S PLANTING

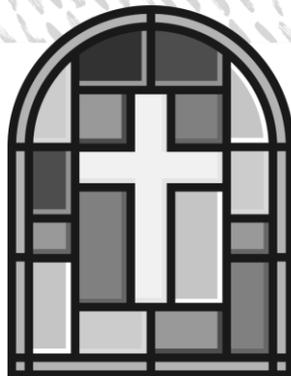
APR 1: GOOD TREES BEARING GOOD FRUIT, BAD TREES BEARING BAD FRUIT

MAUNDY THURSDAY: FIG TREES

GOOD FRIDAY: TREE OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY: TREE OF LIFE

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What are the peculiar windows in the church?

If you look around while sitting in the Divine Service, you'll most likely see windows that are different than the windows in your house. These windows are made with pieces of colored glass. These colored pieces may even have designs painted on them. Stained glass windows are a very important part of the church building.

Why do we have stained glass windows in the church?

Stained-glass windows add to the beauty of God's house, but that's not all that they do. These windows are designed to teach us. If you look closely at the windows, you'll find that most of them contain wonderful imagery. This imagery usually depicts **stories from the Bible**, different **Christian symbols** or different **articles of the Christian faith**; and it's all wrapped up in beautiful pictures made from colored and painted glass! What a wonderful way to glorify our Lord and to proclaim the Gospel!



Parents: After worship, be sure to walk around and look at the windows with your child. If there are windows with different themes, take a few moments each week to discuss the individual teaching points of each window. Encourage your child to ask the pastor for help.

