

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Purification of Mary & the Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2020



INTROIT

Psalm 48:1-3, 8; antiphon: v. 9



- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
- C** **Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!**
- P** His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the
earth,*
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.
- C** **Within her | citadels*
God has made himself known as a | fortress.**
- P** As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city | of our God,*
which God will establish for- | ever.
- 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.**
- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

1 Samuel 1:21-28; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-32

In Our Prayers

Jane Krueger, for successful foot surgery on Wednesday.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week's lesson, "A Nativity Night," Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, "How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?"

TODAY IS LMH SUNDAY: Please be sure to address any checks for Lutheran Hour Ministries directly to them, or LHM, and not Messiah Lutheran. Thanks!

THIS WEEK'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.

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>

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.

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION REPORT: In the month of January, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran: 22 razors and 5 shaving creams.

Thank you for your generosity! Please place your items in the Cry Room lounge basket across from the coffee bar. In February, we are collecting baby items.

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.

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 futher! 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 clsauktion@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.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits for LWR:

- Light-weight bath-size towels (20-27" wide and 40-52" long), dark color recommended
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers
- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping

Please see the flyer on the wooden table in the narthex. Items may be placed on the table by the end of March. Lutheran World Relief sends Personal Care Kits to people in need throughout the world. Last year LWR sent our kits to Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Thank you for your donations!

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.



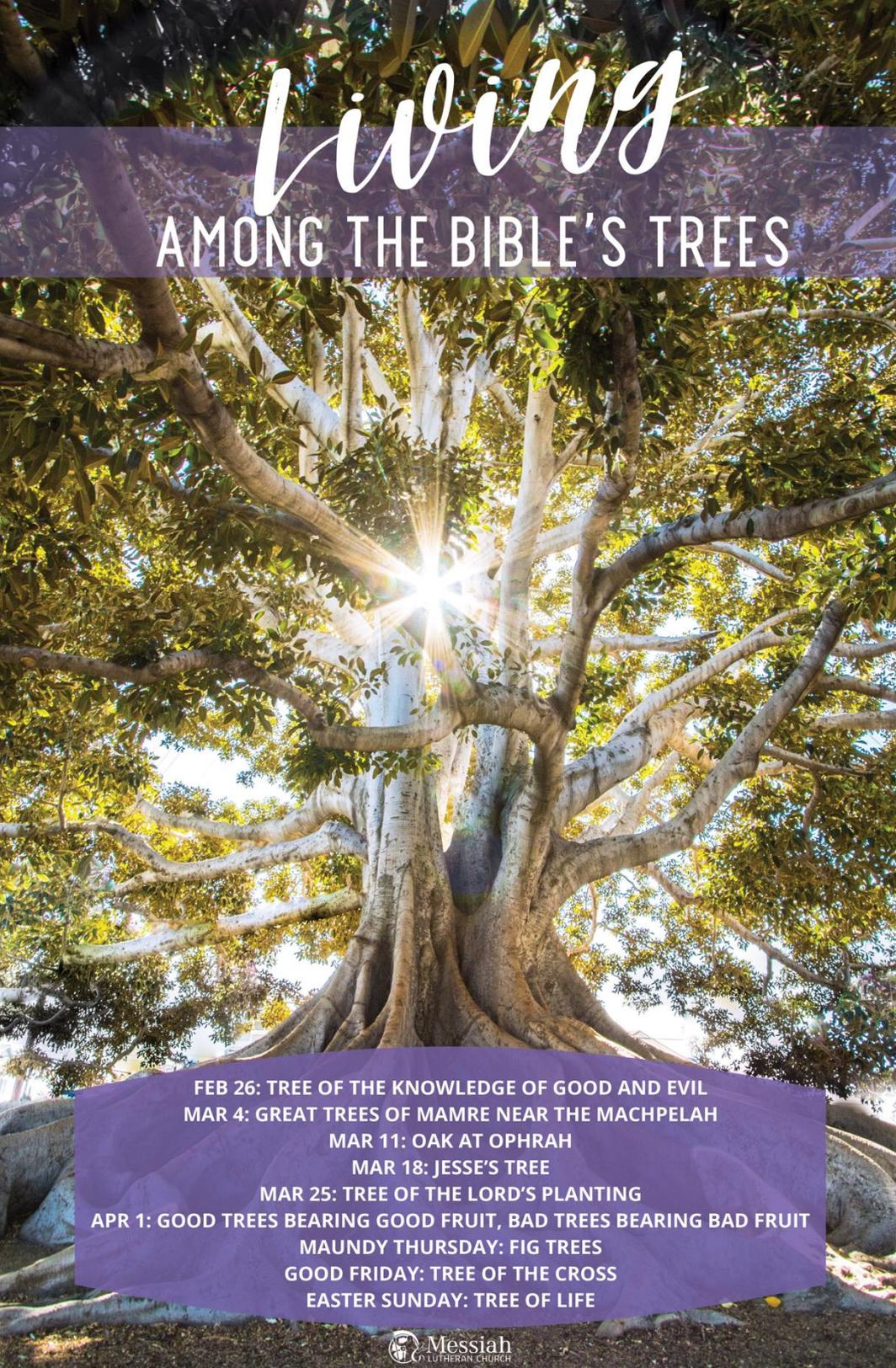
Ash Wednesday

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

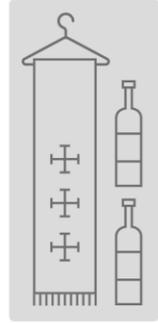
APR 1: GOOD TREES BEARING GOOD FRUIT, BAD TREES BEARING BAD FRUIT

MAUNDY THURSDAY: FIG TREES

GOOD FRIDAY: TREE OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY: TREE OF LIFE

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What do we call the room near the sanctuary?

The room near the sanctuary is called the “sacristy.” See if you can find the door to the sacristy in your church. The use of sacristies became common over 1500 years ago. In most churches you will find the sacristy beside or behind the the altar area (called the chancel).



What is it used for?

The sacristy is the storage place for the sacred items used in God’s house. For example, the vessels and utensils used for Holy Communion are stored there, as well as extra candles, oil and banners. Keeping them in a separate room helps to ensure they are not broken, misplaced or disturbed in any way. Some churches may have two kinds of sacristies. One is the “clergy sacristy” where the pastor keeps his vestments (the clothes he wears during the service). The other is the “altar guild sacristy” where the people who help keep the chancel looking nice store their supplies.



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to go into the sacristy to get a better look. Instruct them to be careful. The items there are set aside for use in the service. Help them to remember why the church uses a sacristy.

