

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2020



INTROIT

Psalm 119:9-16; antiphon: v. 12



- P** Blessèd are you, | O Lord;*
teach me your | statutes!
- C** How can a young man keep his | way pure?*
- By guarding it according | to your word.
- P** With my whole heart I | seek you;*
- let me not wander from your com- | mandments!
- C** I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
- that I might not sin a- | gainst you.
- P** Blessèd are you, | O Lord;*
teach me your | statutes!
- C** With my lips | I declare*
- all the just decrees | of your mouth.
- P** In the way of your testimonies | I delight*
- as much as in all | riches.
- C** I will meditate on your | precepts*
- and fix my eyes | on your ways.
- P** I will delight in your | statutes;*
- I will not for- | get your word.
- 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** Blessèd are you, | O Lord;*
teach me your | statutes!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

Isaiah 58:3-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

In Our Prayers

We give glory to God for the new life granted through the baptism of Noelle Riley Smith. Noelle is baptized today, February 9th, during the 10:45 am service.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: In the lesson for this week, "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

TODAY'S INSTALLATION: The following members are being installed for this year's Council: Mark Jorgensen, President; Peter Boomhower, Vice-President; Lee Cohrs, Head Elder; Nate Schaub, Maintenance, Andrew Riker, Secretary; Erin Goodnow, Treasurer; Kimi Jannsen, Fellowship; Rachel Ferguson, Education; Sharon Christiansen, Social Ministries; and Chris Zakian, Technology.

TODAY DURING THE 10:45 SERVICE! Messiah is sponsoring a Sandwich Making for Neighbors in Need for today, February 9th after the Education hour in our Fellowship Hall.

CONCORDIA CHILI COOK-OFF TODAY! Chili in the Crockpot? The Chili Cook Off is today! 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 today, Sunday, February 9th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Concordia Wedgwood campus (7040 36th Ave NE)! RSVP to the cook off to admin@concordiaseattle.com. Donations to LEST will be more than welcomed!

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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

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.

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!

WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE...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 topics include: Defending Boyhood, The Academy Awards, The Death of Education, Rebuilding Institutions and more. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

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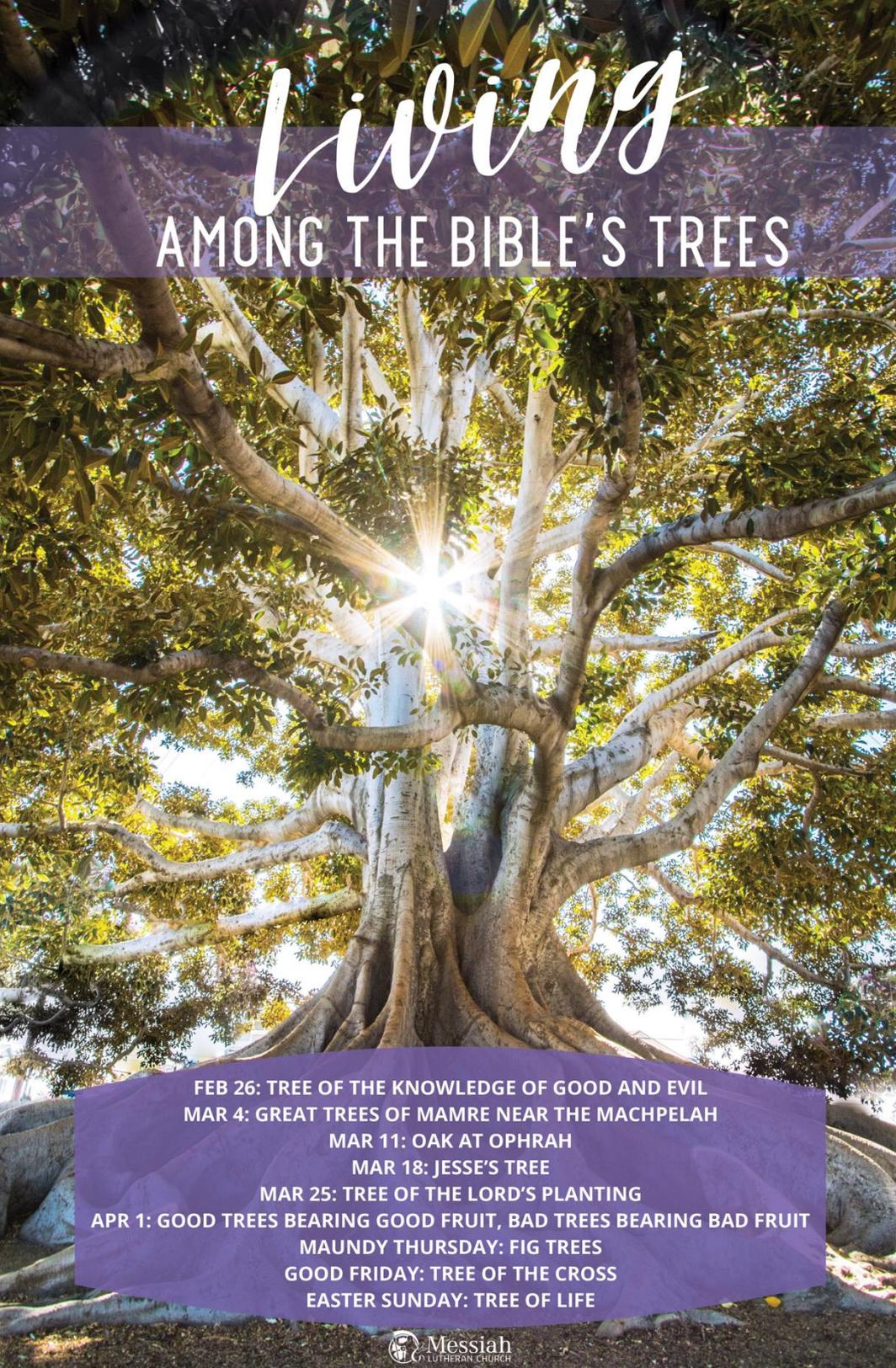
Ash Wednesday

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 is a “parament”?

A parament (pronounced PAIR-uh-ment) is a colored peice of cloth that hangs on the important items of furniture in the sanctuary. **Can you**

find the altar? You may see a colored piece of cloth hanging on it. This parament is called the “frontal” or “superfrontal.”

Can you find the pulpit? The pulpit has a parament, too, as do many of the important furniture items in the sanctuary. Look around to see how many paraments are in your church.

Why do we use paraments?

Paraments honor God and beautify His sanctuary based on the seasons of the Church Year. For example, during the season of Pentecost, the paraments are green. During Lent, the paraments are purple. The word “parament” comes from the Latin word “parare” which means “to decorate or adorn.” The paraments are not silent decorations. Each parament helps to proclaim the wonderful news of salvation through Jesus Christ!



Parents: Before or after worship, allow your child to get a closer look at the paraments in the sanctuary. (Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy places.) Instruct them that the colors might be different than what they would expect at certain times in the Church Year. For example, the paraments are red on Reformation Day even though it falls during the season of Pentecost.

