



Messiah Lutheran Church | Sunday, December 01, 2024

# MESSIAH

## **A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER: REMEMBER THE REASON**

There's a great sense of nostalgia around Christmastime as we remember Christmases of the past. Each year, we want to make Christmas special for our families and for the ones we love. Let's make this year a Christmas to remember as we remember the reason. We can easily confess the truth, "Jesus is the reason for the season," but what will that look like practically in the weeks ahead? We can make this a Christmas to remember as we remember not only that Jesus is the reason for the season, but more intentionally remember the reason for which he came. He came to live and die for us!



### **Connect with us!**

We invite everyone to fill a connection card. Scan the code above or sign the guestbook in the lobby.

### **Welcome to Messiah**

**Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

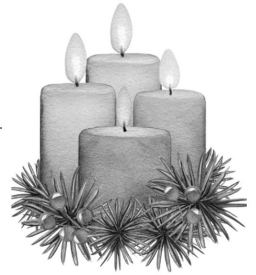
**Kids' Church.** Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Kids' Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. at the Family Ministry Center. They'll join you in church for the last portion of the service.

**Quiet room.** Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

**Ushers** are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

# WE WORSHIP THE LORD

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## Call to Worship for Advent

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The season of Advent is a time of preparation as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas and await his second coming on the Last Day. We prepare our hearts as we humbly confess our sins.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me.**

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.** (*Psalm 130:3,4*)

♪ Song leader sings *Holy Is Your Name*, st. 1 and refrain (CW 956)

1 My soul is filled with joy  
as I sing to God, my Savior.  
You have looked upon your servant,  
you have visited your people.

*Refrain*

*And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.*

God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was fulfilled in the coming of his Son. Jesus Christ humbled himself by submitting to God's law. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God promises to lift up the humble and fill the hungry with good things because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we wait for Christ to come again, he comes to us here and now in these words of pardon and peace: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The Advent wreath has been part of the pre-Christmas preparations for centuries. The evergreen wreath reminds us of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Each Sunday in Advent, another candle is lit in anticipation of Christ's coming at Christmas. On Christmas Eve and Christmas day, just the center candle is lit to remind us that Christ has come, and he will come again!*

♪ Song leader sings st. 2 and congregation joins in refrain (CW 956)

2 I am lowly as a child,  
but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered,  
for all will call me blessed.

**Refrain**

***And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.***

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who came into the world to save the world from sins. He will come again to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

♪ Congregation sings st. 5 and refrain (CW 956)

5 In your love you now fulfill  
all you promised to your people.  
I will praise you, God, my Savior,  
everlasting is your mercy.

**Refrain**

***And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.***

## **Prayer**

# The Word of God

## First Reading

## Jeremiah 33:14–16

<sup>14</sup>“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup>“In those days and at that time  
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

*The LORD promised that a descendant of King David would be our righteous Savior.*

## Gospel

## Luke 19:28–40

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup>They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

<sup>40</sup>“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

*Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing he would soon be put to death. This is why Christ came.*

## Savior of the Nations, Come (8:30 a.m.)

CW 301

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| 1 Savior of the nations, come;<br>Virgin's Son, make here your home.<br>Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,<br>that the Lord chose such a birth. | 4 From the Father's throne he came<br>and ascended to the same,<br>captive leading death and hell.<br>High the song of triumph swell! |
| 2 Not by human flesh and blood,<br>by the Spirit of our God<br>was the Word of God made flesh,<br>woman's offspring, pure and fresh.         | 5 Praise to God the Father sing,<br>praise to God the Son, our King,<br>praise to God the Spirit be<br>ever and eternally.            |
| 3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child<br>of the virgin undefiled,<br>though by all the world disowned,<br>yet to be in heav'n enthroned!        |   |

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## Dawning Light of Our Salvation (10:30 a.m.)

CW 311

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| 1 Long in darkness Israel wandered;<br>long in mortal shadows we<br>walked in bondage and self-pity,<br>trod in paths of sin and grief.<br>In the prophets' words he told us,<br>long the God of Israel spoke;<br>he alone in strength would save us<br>from the hands of all our foes. | 2 He shall raise a mighty Savior;<br>born of David's lineage, he<br>comes in cov'nant love to claim us,<br>from our sins to set us free.<br>Light to those who dwell in darkness,<br>life to those from death who flee,<br>joy unto the earth, and gladness,<br>to your pathways dawning peace!<br><b>(Refrain)</b> |
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### **Refrain**

***Ev'ry valley be exalted!  
Ev'ry mountain be made plane!  
Crooked ways repent and straighten;  
all creation bend in praise!***

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| 3 | Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,<br>David's son and yet his King,<br>dawning light of our salvation,<br>of your saving pow'r we sing!<br>Stand, O lame, and dance, ye broken;<br>know the Savior's healing grace.<br>Come, O deaf, and hear him singing;<br>turn, O blind, behold his face!<br><b>(Refrain)</b> |
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Message

Jeremiah 33:14-16

***Project Restoration***

## Offering

*We give thanks to the Lord with our offerings. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Members of Messiah give generously and freely out of thanksgiving to the Lord and in support of Messiah's mission to preach the good news of Jesus Christ in Nampa and to the ends of the earth.*

## Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Supper

### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



***Give online.***

*If you are  
interested in  
giving an offering*

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Distribution

*The ushers will invite communicant members forward, one pew at a time. Visitors, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with the pastor.*

## Nothing But The Blood (10:30 a.m.)

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| 1 | What can wash away my sin<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus<br>What can make me whole again<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus | 3 | Nothing can for sin atone<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus<br>Naught of good that I have done<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus |
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### *Refrain*

*O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

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| 2 | For my pardon this I see<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus<br>For my cleansing this my plea<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus |
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| 4 | This is all my hope and peace<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus<br>This is all my righteousness<br>Nothing but the blood of Jesus |
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## Prayer After Communion

## Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



## Behold, a Branch Is Growing (8:30 a.m.)

CW 360

- 1 Behold, a branch is growing  
of loveliest form and grace!  
As prophets sang, foreknowing,  
it springs from Jesse's race  
and now begins to flow'r  
in midst of coldest winter,  
at deepest midnight hour.
- 2 Isaiah had foretold it  
in words of promise sure,  
and Mary's arms enfold it,  
a virgin meek and pure.  
Through God's eternal will  
this child to her is given  
at midnight calm and still.
- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor  
the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, and yet true God,  
from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens ev'ry load.
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary,  
who felt our human woes,  
O Savior, King of glory,  
who conquered all our foes,  
bring us at last, we pray,  
to the bright courts of heaven  
and to the endless day.

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## Mighty To Save (10:30 a.m.)

1 Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

### **Refrain**

***Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave***

2 So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### **Refrain**

### **Bridge**

***Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the Risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing For the glory of the risen King***

### **Refrain**

### **Bridge**

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## SERVING AT WORSHIP

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	Bill Trask& Rick Weigel
Ushers	Steve Davis
	Ron Snyder & Barb Halen

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 01	Open Forum .....	11:30 a.m.
December 02	Ministry Council Meeting .....	6:30 p.m.
December 03	ESL Class .....	6:30 p.m.
December 08	Open Forum .....	9:30 a.m.
	Voters Meeting .....	11:30 a.m.
December 10	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
	ESL Class .....	6:30 p.m.
	Admin Council Meeting .....	6:30 p.m.
December 11	Women's Bible Study .....	6:30 p.m.
December 14	Youth Mystery Dinner .....	6:00 p.m.
December 15	Advent by Candlelight .....	6:00 p.m.
December 17	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
	ESL Class .....	6:30 p.m.
December 21	Children's Christmas Practice .....	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
December 22	Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal .....	9:30 a.m.
	Children's Christmas Program .....	10:30 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Services .....	10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Service .....	10:00 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent by Candlelight

December 15 at 6:00. Today is the last day to sign up to be a guest for the evening. Please get ahold of Kay Beers directly through email: [kaybeers@gmail.com](mailto:kaybeers@gmail.com) or by text message: 208-514-9629. Don't miss out on this beautiful evening. Thank you!



# MESSIAH

## Our Mission

*Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.*

## Our Core Values

**Servant Heart.** *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).*

**A Caring Community.** *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).*

**Anchored in the Word.** *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).*

**Adaptable.** *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).*

**Outreach Focused.** *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).*

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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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### Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church