

# Messiah Lutheran

Church and School  
Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Advent 1

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship: 8:00 and 10:45 A.M.  
Choir: 9:10. Sunday School: 9:30. Bible class 9:45 A.M.

## Today's Worship

*"No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame" (Ps. 25:5).*

**Preparation:** Read Ps. 25, p. 128.

**The Liturgy:** Page 12ff. in the  
Worship Supplement.

**Hymns:** 705, 68, (66:1), 645, *The King Shall Come* (insert).

### Readings:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13... "The days are coming!" That promise of the Lord fills us with expectant hope.

**Psalm:** page 25 in the Worship Supplement.

Luke 21:25-36... Jesus came in the fullness of time, and He will certainly come again at the moment He has predetermined.

## Advent Candle Verse

*What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!  
(LSB 342:1)*

Sermon: Jeremiah 33:14-16

PLANT A TREE!

- I. By living in hope.
- II. By putting hope into practice.



## Sunday School summary

The giving of the Ten Commandments is today's Sunday School lesson. The children will learn that the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Talk about God's laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. Ask your children: "Who kept the Law perfectly for us?" Though we sin much every day, in Christ we have forgiveness and peace.

## Everyone's invited!

Church and tree decorating will begin at 1 p.m. today. Come and help! Snacks will be served.

## The one thing needed

Do you feel a little intimidated by the number of things you want to accomplish before Christmas? Rather than cut back or eliminate Bible reading or worship time, it is more important than ever in this busy season to stay grounded on what really matters. Set aside an hour on the next three Wednesday evenings to "receive" rather than "do," and to "refresh" rather than "wear down." Our theme for the Wednesday Advent services is: "O Come, Emmanuel!"

## A precious arrival!

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Lord blessed the Jordan and Brittany Albrecht family with the birth of a son, Wyatt Jordan (7 lbs. 3 oz.; 19.5 in.). Wyatt was received into the Lord's kingdom by Holy Baptism last Wednesday.

## Christmas Eve rehearsals

Christmas Eve rehearsals for the children of the congregation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on the next three Sundays (Dec. 6, 13, 20). See Mr. Quade for more information.

## Caroling and chili

Our annual caroling party is at 4 p.m. next Sunday, December 6th. We'll meet at the church for a brief warmup. Plans are to sing for the residents at Brenwood, Annette Traub, and Deanna and May Bajanen. We'll return to church for supper. Bring your favorite chili and Christmas treats to share. All ages are welcome!

**Daily Bible Readings:** Su: Isa. 65-66; 2 Thess. 1. M: Jer. 1-2; 2 Thess. 2. Tu: Jer. 3-4; 2 Thess. 3. W: Jer. 5-6; 1 Tim. 1. Th: Jer. 7-8; 1 Tim. 2. F: Jer. 9-10; 1 Tim. 3. Sa: Jer. 11-13; 1 Tim. 4.

## Looking Ahead...

### ♣Today:

1:00 P.M.: Church and tree decorating.

### ♣Tuesday:

11:00 A.M.: Brenwood service.

### ♣Wednesday:

7:00 P.M.: Advent service.

### ♣Thursday:

7:15 A.M.: School staff.

5:00 P.M.: Adult information.

### ♣Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper.

12:15 P.M.: Public school confirmation class.

4:00 P.M.: Caroling and chili supper.

### ♣December 8th:

6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Elders.

7:00 P.M.: WinGS meeting.

### ♣December 10th:

6:30 P.M.: Church Council.



## Advent Service

Wed.  7 p.m.

O Come,  
Emmanuel!

"O Come, Wisdom"

## Young adults

The next Young Adults meeting will be held on Saturday, December 12th, at 6 p.m. at Lauren, Lydia, and Abby's apartment. Pizza, devotion, and games are planned. Contact Steve Mielke for more information.

## Professor gifts

One way in which we praise God and express our thanks for the gift of His Son is through our gifts of love to others. We would like to gather a gift for the 12 professors who serve our church body at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire. Monetary gifts may be placed in the designated box in the hallway. Make checks out to "Messiah."

## CLC news

● **Commissioning service:** Pastor Peter Evensen will be commissioned as a CLC foreign missionary in a service to be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 18th, at Messiah, Eau Claire.

● **2016 MHT:** Applications are currently being accepted until January 8th for next summer's Mission Helper Trip to India. More information and an online application can be found at: [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2016-india](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2016-india).

● **Maintenance position available:** With the retirement of Ron Porath at the end of March, Immanuel Lutheran College will have a vacancy in the position of a full-time maintenance man. Interested applicants may direct inquiries about the position, applications, and resumes to ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert ([steve.sippert@ilc.edu](mailto:steve.sippert@ilc.edu) or 715-836-6620). The deadline for applications is January 10.

● **Call returned:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Gethsemane, Spokane, WA.

● **Retirement:** Professor John Pfeiffer has announced his retirement from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College, effective at the end of the current school year.



I will make a  
righteous Branch  
sprout from  
David's line

(Jer. 33:15)

### FINANCES:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Offerings:	\$8,678.00	\$128,583.00
Sunday School:	\$6.00	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,403.00	\$134,463.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	\$2,275.00	(\$5,880.00)
Missions:	\$0.00	\$1,420.00
(In addition to budgeted amount)		
MDF:	\$55.00	\$713.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$30.00	\$1,750.00
Kinship:(Bernthal Mem.)	\$20.00	\$381.00
ILCSAF:(Bernthal Mem.)	\$20.00	\$45.00
CDSIF:(Bernthal Mem.)	\$15.00	\$165.00

Attendance last Sunday: 100, 29.

### Church cleaning: Dec. 6:

Church: *N. Mackensen, Weaver, Cutler, A. Mackensen.*

School: *Garvens, Gurgel, R. Mueller, M. Mueller.*

Dec. ushers: 1st: *M. Plockelman, E. Nelson.*

2nd: *J. Arndt, T. Fletcher.*

Advent (Dec. 2,9,16): *K. Abrahamson, J. Mueller.*

Christmas Eve: *S. Mielke, J. Mielke.*

Christmas Day: *T. Blue, C. Blue.*

New Years Eve: *J. Lisak, S. Lisak.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

### Jeremiah 33:14-16 NKJV

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 NKJV

For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

### Luke 21:25-36 NKJV

“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

“Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(Minute of silence for individual prayer and meditation)*

P: For the world in which we live, that our Creator would reveal Himself as the Redeemer of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Fill our hearts with thankfulness and love!**

P: For the proclamation of the Gospel, that all who hear of Christ may repent and believe in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they may guide others in lives of service and leadership, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For our congregation, that we may love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those in our nation’s military, that they would walk in faithfulness and integrity, let us pray to the Lord.

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P: For all who are broken in heart, mind, and body, that they may know the healing of Jesus in body, mind, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

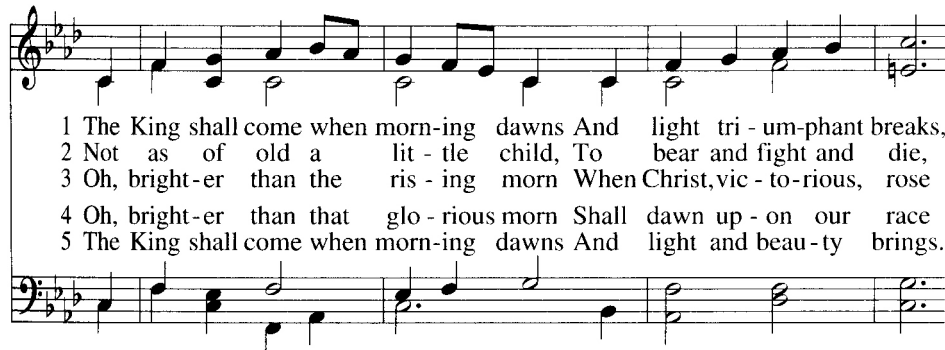
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P: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace, we may find mercy to help us in our every need, let us pray to the Lord.

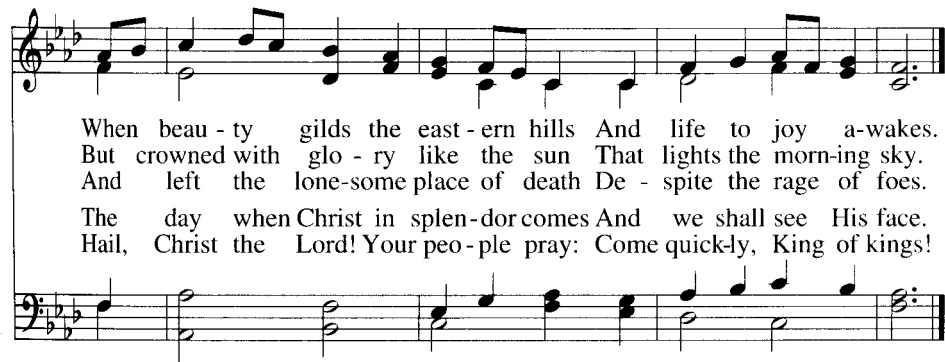
**C: Fill our hearts with thankfulness and love! Amen.**

# The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

(closing hymn)



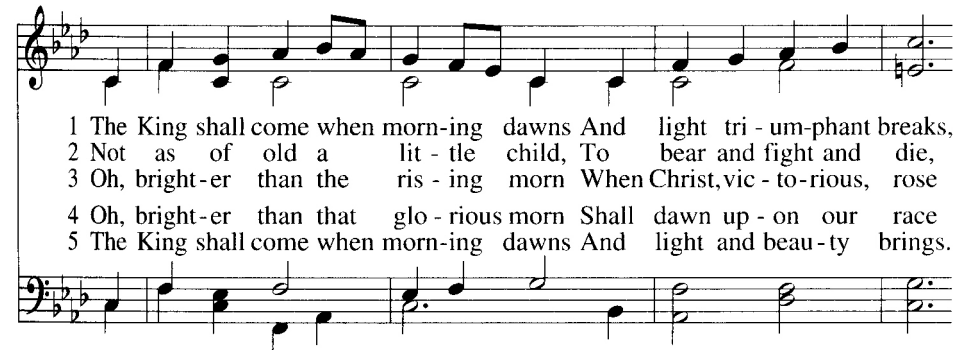
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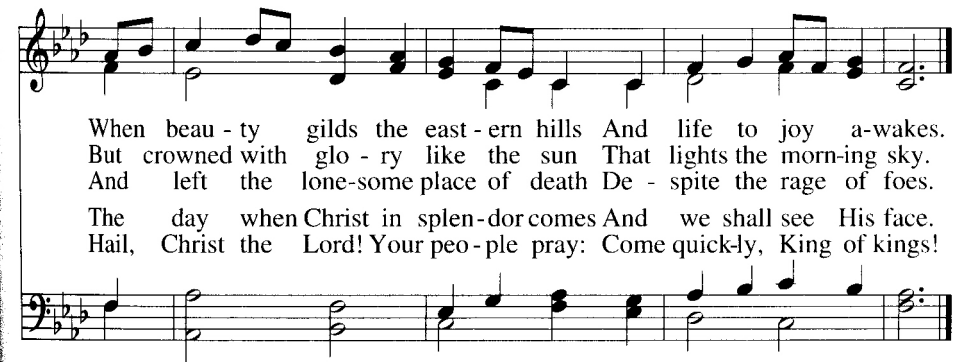
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