

# Messiah Lutheran

Church and School  
Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Christmas 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

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,  
and shall call His name Immanuel" (Is. 7:14).*

**Preparation:** Read Ps. 111, p. 147.

**The Liturgy:** Page 5ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal.

**Hymns:** 136, 711, (79), 93, 761.

## Readings:

**Exodus 13:1-3, 11-15...**In rescuing the firstborn from death in Egypt, God claimed them for His own. In rescuing us from eternal death, we are sanctified and set apart for His service.

**Luke 2:41-52...**Even as a child, Jesus was about His Father's business.



Sermon: Hebrews 2:10-18

## THE LORD OUR BROTHER

- I. He was born into our family.
- II. He identified with us.
- III. He died for us.
- IV. He still helps us.



## Sunday School summary

Today students will learn about worship in the Old Testament tabernacle. In the tabernacle God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through the blood Jesus shed on the cross. Ask your children: "Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today? How is our worship similar/different to Old Testament worship?"

## New Year's Eve

Our New Year's Eve service with Holy Communion begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday. Join us as we come to the Lord for healing for the past and grace and hope for the future.

## Directory update

Please check the membership directory sheets on the bulletin board and make any needed corrections/additions to your entry. The 2016 edition will be printed soon!

## CLC news

● **Position open:** In July of 2016 Dr. James Sydow will be retiring after serving 13 years as the CLC Treasurer/ILC Business Manager. An individual is being sought to serve in this business management position. The position has broad responsibility to oversee the day-to-day financial affairs of the CLC, ILC, and to oversee the staff in the General Business Office. The duties include managing all cash receipts and disbursements and reporting for all accounts and funds of the CLC and ILC to the responsible boards of the CLC. Strong interpersonal skills are necessary as the job requires substantial interaction with ILC students and parents, other synod members, and those outside the synod with whom we do business. Those interested are encouraged to contact Tom Lentz for a full job description and application ([tdlentz@chartermi.net](mailto:tdlentz@chartermi.net)/507-625-9390). The deadline for applications is February 1, 2016.

● **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).

## New activity committee

Activity committee members for January-March 2016 are:

Bryon and Heidi Nelson (contacts)  
Erika, Frank, Karl, and Emily Braun  
Ted and Georgine Quade  
Randy and Mary Beth Ivalis  
BJ Nelson

Jim and Lisa Lisak  
Enno and Bea Gerbitz  
Joel and Kris Gerbitz  
Caleb Gerbitz  
Andrew Gerbitz

Danielle Gerbitz  
Cora Gerbitz  
Lauren Lisak

## Looking Ahead...

♣ **Thursday:**  
7:00 P.M.: New Year's Eve service with Lord's Supper.

♣ **Next Sunday:**  
Holy Communion.  
12:15 P.M.: Public school confirmation class.

♣ **January 4th:**  
7:00 P.M.: Bd. of Education.

♣ **January 5th:**  
6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Elders.  
7:00 P.M.: School parents.  
7:00 P.M.: Sunday School teachers.



<b>FINANCES:</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Offerings:	\$6,510.00	\$152,153.00
Sunday School:	\$5.00	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,403.00	\$160,075.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	\$107.00	(\$7,922.00)
Missions:	\$125.00	\$1,545.00
<b>(In addition to budgeted amount)</b>		
MDF:	\$25.00	\$943.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$10.00	\$1,910.00
CDSIF:	\$100.00	\$265.00
India Relief:	\$100.00	

Attendance last Sunday: 88, 67. 12/24: 208. 12/25: 129 .

**Church cleaning: Jan. 2-8:**

Church: *T. Blue, Ivalis, B. Blue, Griffin.*

School: *M. Weibye, B. Lillo, Fletcher, S. Lillo.*

Jan. ushers: 1st: *M. Mueller, T. Taylor.*

2nd: *D. Albrecht, T. Garvens.*

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

**Daily Bible Readings:** Su: Jer. 49-50 ; Heb. 5. M: Jer. 51-52; Heb. 6.  
 Tu: Lam. 1-2; Heb. 7. W: Lam. 3-5; Heb. 8. Th: Ez. 1-3; Heb. 9. F: Ez. 4-6;  
 Heb. 10:1-23. Sa: Ez. 7-9; Heb. 10:24-39.



# The Lord Our Brother!

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

### Exodus 13:1-3, 11-15 NKJV

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."

And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten...."

And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be the LORD'S. But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

"So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

### Hebrews 2:10-18 NKJV

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "*I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.*" And again: "*I will put My trust in Him.*"

And again: "*Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.*"

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

### Luke 2:41-52 NKJV

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

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