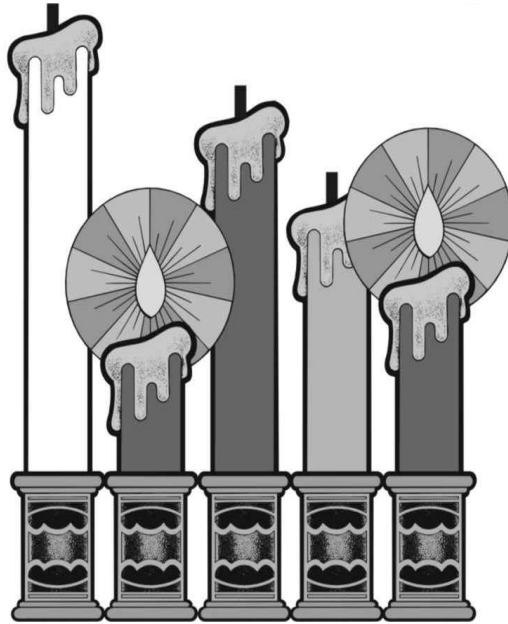


# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:** *John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.*

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Vicar  
Organist  
Choir Director  
Altar Guild

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Hanging of the Greens Service (Chrismons) December 6, 2020– 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Lighting of Altar Candles and Advent Wreath

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Loving and forgiving God,

**C we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

P People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, + comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

#### \* OPENING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

**C Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HEART**

HYMN - "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1)

Of the Fa – ther's love be – got – ten  
ere the worlds be – gan to be,  
he is Al – pha and O – me – ga,  
he the source, the end – ing he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that fu – ture years shall see,  
ev – er – more and ev – er – more.

Reader: Thea Beward

The heart is a universal symbol of love. Our hearts beat within us each with its own rhythm, sometimes fickle and uneven. God's love, however, is steadfast and always faithful to his word.

**C: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)**

**Worship Leader** – Eternal Father, you have held us and all of creation in your constant love. You feed us with the product of the field and vine, clothe us and shelter us against the elements and deliver us by your grace, may your Holy Spirit dwell in us that our hearts may be one with yours. Amen

**NINE POINT STAR**

HYMN – "The First Noel" (vss. 1 & 2)

The first No – el the an – gel did say  
was to cer – tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keep – ing their sheep,  
on a cold win – ter's night that was so deep.

They look – ed up and saw a star  
shin – ing in the east be – yond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it con – tin – ued both day and night.

Refrain

No – el, No – el, No – el, No – el!  
Born is the King of Is – ra – el.

Reader: Haley Mummah

Known as, 'The Fruit of the Spirit Star,' each of the points represent one of the nine attributes of the fruit of the Spirit found in St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. For those who live guided by and within the love of God these fruits grow as naturally as grapes on a vine. These fruits build up the community of faith

and our relationship with our neighbor. The Christmas story gathers divergent people together, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and Wisemen, beast and angels into the story of His love and the heavenly light of a star.

**C: “The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”** (Galatians 5:22-23)

**Worship Leader** – Gracious Father as you have held us in the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, may we, filled with your Spirit, learn to live in love and community with each other. May we constantly bear your gifts in our lives, caring for neighbor and creation. Amen

**ANGEL**

HYMN – “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (vs. 1)

An – gels, from the realms of glo – ry.  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
once you sang cre – a – tion’s sto – ry;  
now pro – claim Mes – si – ah’s birth.

Refrain

Come and wor – ship, come and wor – ship,  
wor – ship Christ, the new – born king.

Reader: Bob St. Clair

Angels are the messengers of God. Each time we read of angels in scripture they are involved in the story of salvation history. Their work is revealing or guiding some new way in which the story of God’s love and grace moves us towards the cross of Christ and God’s ultimate act of love. The angels in the Christmas story announce to us the arrival of our Savior in the child of Bethlehem.

**C: “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”** (Hebrews 1:14)

**Worship Leader** – Almighty God, Lord of all creation and to who even the angels bow, lead us by your light into the darkness of the world that we like the angels may be messengers of your Holy Word. Send us bearing the light of the Gospel to those who need to hear the promise of your love. Amen

**SHEPHERD’S CROOK**

HYMN – “Silent Night, Holy Night!” (vss. 1 & 2)

Si – lent night, ho – ly night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon vir – gin moth – er and child,  
Ho – ly in – fant, so ten – der and mild,  
sleep in heav – en – ly peace,  
sleep in heav – en – ly peace.

Si – lent night, ho – ly night!  
Shep – herds quake at the sight;  
glo – ries stream from heav – en a – far,  
heav’n – ly hosts sing, Al – le – lu – ia!  
Christ, the Sav – ior is born!  
Christ, the Sav – ior is born!

Reader: Harrison Mummah

The Shepherds crook is a symbol of the care of God for his people. At times the crook could be used to prod the sheep along and at others it could be used to help pull a sheep or lamb to safety. God continues to guide us with his Word both Law and Gospel, sometimes prodding us to repentance and in others proclaiming to us the life changing grace of the Gospel.

**C:** “The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep....I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” (John 10:2, 11, 14)

**Worship Leader** – Holy shepherd, reveal to us the ways in which we wander from your will and in steadfast love for us rescue us from ourselves, our sin and the world. Amen

**DOVE OF PEACE** HYMN – “Away in a Manger” (vss. 1 & 3)

A – way in a man – ger, no crib for his bed,  
the lit – tle Lord Je – sus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the lit – tle Lord Je – sus a – sleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Je – sus; I ask you to stay  
close by me for – ev – er and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear chil – dren in your ten – der care  
and fit us for heav – en, to live with you there.

Reader: Olivia Mummah

Traditionally the dove represents peace, and is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. All four gospels report this presence of the Holy Spirit in a dove at the baptism of Jesus.

**C:** “...the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. (John 14:26-27)

**Worship Leader** – Holy Spirit of God fill our hearts with your eternal peace in this season. When life is filled with strife and struggle guide us into peace and reconciliation with those we have been in conflict, in our lives, in our community and in the world. Amen

**FISH** HYMN – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (vs. 1)

Good Chris-tian friends, re – joice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say;  
Je – sus Christ is born to – day;  
ox and ass be – fore him bow,  
and he is in the man – ger now.  
Christ is born to – day!  
Christ is born to – day!

Reader: Gabby Reed

ICHTHUS is the Greek acrostic for, “Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior,” and was also the Greek word for fish. Persecuted Christians of the early church used the fish symbol as a secret sign to identify one another. A person would draw half the fish in the sand, and another would complete the drawing to identify him or herself as a fellow believer.

**C: “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.”** (Matthew 4:19-20)

**Worship Leader** – Gracious and merciful God, we remember those who are persecuted and for whom faith is still dangerous around the world. Keep us and all your children faithful in the struggles of life and when we are weak and fearful strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may not fall away from your gifts of faith and hope. Amen

**CROSS** HYMN – “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (vss. 1 & 4)

Lo, how a rose e’er bloom – ing  
from ten – der stem hath sprung!  
Of Jes – se’s lin – eage com – ing  
as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow’r so bright,  
a – mid the cold of win – ter,  
when half – spent was the night.

O Sav – ior, child of Mar – y,  
who felt our hu – man woe;  
O Sav – ior, king of glo – ry,  
who dost our weak – ness know:  
bring us at length, we pray,  
to the bright courts of heav – en  
and in – to end – less day.

Reader: Julia Martin

The ever-present reminder of the price that Jesus paid for our sins. Jesus paid the debt that we owe to the Father. He in turn gives us the free gift of new life.

The Latin Cross is the most widely used cross design.

**C: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross...”** (Hebrews 12:2)

**Worship Leader** – Eternal Father, strong to save, the cross of Christ is ever before us, even in the birth of the Christ child we remember that he leads us to the cross. Forgive us our sins and keep us ever mindful of the sacrifice that you have paid for us in the birth, death and resurrection of your Son, our Savior. Amen

**CROWN** HYMN – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vss. 1 & 3)

Hark! The her – ald an – gels sing,  
“Glo – ry to the new – born king;  
peace on earth, and mer – cy mild,  
God and sin – ners rec – on – ciled.”  
Joy – full, all you na – tions rise;  
join the tri – umph of the skies;  
with an – gel – ic hosts pro-claim,  
“Christ is born in Beth – le – hem!”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris’n with heal – ing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glo – ry by,  
born that we no more may die.  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us sec – ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her – ald an – gels sing,  
“Glo – ry to the new – born king!”

Reader: Hope Miller

The crown represents the majesty and royalty of Christ. God is the sovereign ruler of the universe. This crown is composed of three triangles representing the Trinity. The three circles represent the eternal nature of the Trinity.

**C:** “...They lay their crowns before the throne and say: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power.” (Revelation 4:10)

**Worship Leader** – Lord of all creation, you are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, you entered into your creation as a vulnerable child and accepted dependence on Mary and Joseph, may you rule in our hearts and lead us to protect every child, securing for them all that is necessary for life; food, shelter, health and above all the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” (vss. 1 to 3)

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\* APOSTLES’ CREED (all)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the**

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

C **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.**

\* OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* OFFERTORY "Let All Together Praise Our God" (revised wording)

**Let all together praise our God before his glorious throne;**

**For he will open heav'n above to give us his own Son, to give us his own Son.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

P The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" (vss. 4 & 5) Bulletin, pg. 14

\* HOLY COMMUNION

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

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

P Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **AMEN.**

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



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### **WELCOME TO ALL!**

JUST A THOUGHT – Charles Wesley, English Methodist Reformer and Hymn Writer (1707 – 1788): Finish then Thy new creation....let us see Thy great salvation....perfectly restored in Thee.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

THE DECEMBER 2020 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair at [stclairb@embargmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embargmail.com) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at [mlcmiffintown.org](http://mlcmiffintown.org). Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

THIS MONTH’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for our local Meals on Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to MOW. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This money comes from budgeted funds that have been unused this calendar year due to the shutdown from the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is just one way in which we can extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 25, 2020 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE – The Board of Worship & Music has been thoughtfully looking into how to go about providing a meaningful Christmas Eve Service for our congregation. With Covid still VERY prevalent in the area, we always look to err on the side of caution when having any type of service. However, Christmas Eve brings along with it special challenges, even during a “normal” year. With the pandemic hitting such a high mark in our county and region in the past few weeks, this year, it was decided that we will turn to a complete, single, remote service at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This service will be broadcast on Facebook Live and AM 1700....PLUS we will TRY to send out a Zoom link to everyone to join us, as if you were in the church, to join in the singing of carols as well as other parts of the service. This will become a part of our service as we put that sound into our church system, and we will all enjoy the sounds of the season. (Think of this as being similar as to what you see on TV now with athletic events). We also will be broadcasting the piano music of Justin Aurand of Sunbury, who has been to our church on past Christmas Eves. This music will be available anytime on You Tube (a link will be sent out), and/or prior to our service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Also performing will be Andrea Cameron, who will be singing “Ave Maria.”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be offered following the sending hymn in order to minimize any contact during the meal. We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

**WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:**

<u>November 22, 2020</u>		Attendance - 11 onsite	Other Funds	
		Facebook views - 48	Benevolence	\$200.00
Total Offering	\$3,485.00		Food Pantry	320.00
Other Funds	<u>705.00</u>		Building Fund	135.00
General Fund	\$2,780.00		World Hunger	<u>50.00</u>
			Total	\$705.00

<u>November 29, 2020</u>		Attendance - 10 onsite	Other Funds	
		Facebook views - 53	Matthew 25	\$100.00
Total Offering	\$695.60		Flowers/Poinsettias	<u>15.60</u>
Other Funds	<u>115.60</u>		Total	\$115.60
General Fund	\$580.00			

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF has launched the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge, a request for volunteers to sew cloth masks that will be sent overseas to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are interested in participating in this challenge, you can make as few or as many as you would like. Please call or email Cynthia Smith for details about this project at 717-994-4999 or [gramcynthia49@yahoo.com](mailto:gramcynthia49@yahoo.com).

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – We are sponsoring 6 children this year. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church today wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

## COMMUNITY

### FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATION NEEDS

(These are the foods that are hard for us to get), Turkeys, Turkey Breasts, Hams (3-5 lbs.), canned Sweet Potatoes, and Fruit Cocktail. A donation of \$20 will purchase one complete meal!

### PRAYER LIST

Tyson Aurand	Beth Harris	Austin Parker
Carole Baker	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Noel Peachey
Donna Barton	Sue Henderson	Dave Phelan
Lindsey Barton	Nox Hepburn	Butch & Sandy Pines
Nick Beward	Jason Hockenberry & Family	Betty Ranck
Roxanne Boyer	Curt & Judy Houtz	Keith Ranck
Randy Clark	Jennifer Hutchinson	Matt, Amy & Olivia Reed
Andrea Cameron	Matt Hutchinson	Mary Sanders
Pam Campbell	Brenda Imes	Mackenzie Shearer
Ruth Cisney	Peggy Inch	Ronald Shearer
Curtis Clark	Doc Johnston	Bobby & Eva Sieber
Terry Coder	Guy Kerstetter	Mike Sparks
Leann Crimmel	Denny King	Donald Speece
Will DeLancy	Darvin Krouse	Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Guy Dillman	Pam Lawson	Charles Stump
Fred & Dot Dowling	Gwen Swisher Lewis	Alice Swartz
Renee Dzikowski	Carol Lyter	Dorothy Towsey
Neil Fisher	Anthony Martin	Rich Walters
Janie Fogleman	Carlen McClure	Dr. Glen Webb
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz	Charlie, Amanda, & Isabel Meinsler	Don Welshonse
Bentley Fulkroad	Messiah's TEEM	Todd Wert
Joan Fulkroad	Cecilia Miller	Erma Williamson
Michal Gayer	Ellwood Miller	Jim Woltman
Terri Gayer	Larry Miller	Mackenzie Wray
Eddi Kay Gill	Shirley Miller	Dorothy Zeiders
Paul Goss	Jim Minick	George Zimmerman
Amy Hart	Landon Musser	Linda Zimmerman
	Darve Nace	

### PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm	Edith Nipple
Ruth Cisney	Esther Rhine
Max Ernest	Carol Simonton
Margaret Guss	Sieber & Ona Stoner
Gail Henderson	Ken & Kay Stuck
Mona Lawson	Velma Suloff
Jane Marhefka	Kitty Walters
Minnie Minick	Jim Yetter

# Messiah Lutheran Church Poinsettia and/or Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form



In keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, poinsettias may now be purchased for our services this holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. They will be used to beautify our altar area to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are again including this year another way to honor or to remember loved ones by making a donation in their name to the Lutheran Disaster Response effort. In the wake of this year's many weather and wild fire disasters and because of those still suffering, we are again adding this worthwhile opportunity for those who may not usually consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check for either type (payment or donation)**, made payable to **"Messiah Lutheran Church"** and print **Poinsettias or Lutheran Disaster Response** in the memo line. Attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **December 11, 2020. PAYMENT OR DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!**

Thank you for helping to beautify our space, and/or supporting Lutheran Disaster Response!

Please note, that if you are making a donation for the disaster response effort, our Treasurer will keep track of all money received for that cause and write one check at the end of the Christmas season from our church to the Lutheran Disaster Response and also enclose a listing of those who were honored or remembered. As in the past, a full listing of either a Poinsettia or a Donation (will not include the amount of the donation) with those persons honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin for Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and on Christmas Eve.

**Flowers may be picked up anytime following our Christmas Eve Service.**

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## Poinsettia/Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of (  ) or In Memory Of (  )

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**I would like to order and/or donate as follows:**

6" Poinsettia (4 to 5 blooms) \$7.80 each: # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.80 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

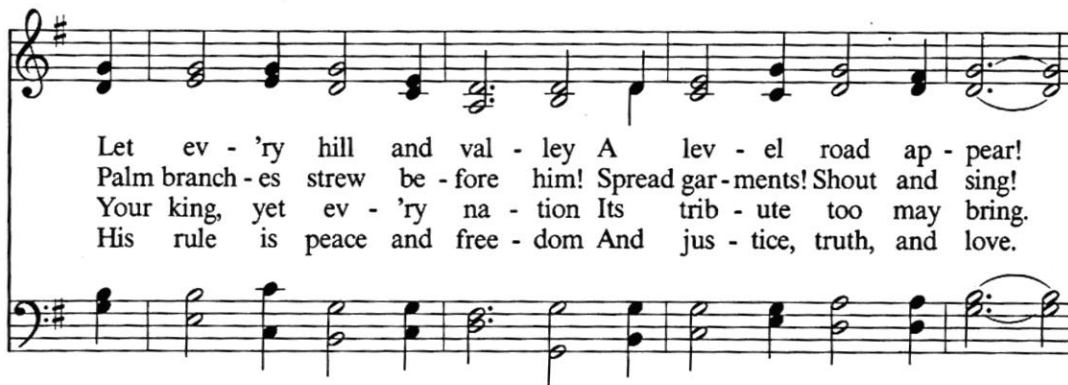
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## Prepare the Royal Highway

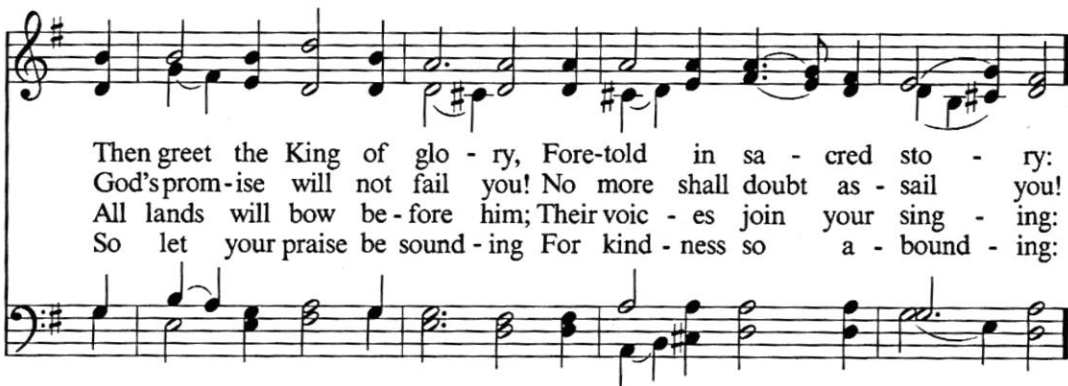
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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; Their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

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## On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And make us

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; Oh, let your face up -

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.

- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
 Whose advent has our freedom won,  
 Whom with the Father we adore,  
 And Holy Spirit, evermore.