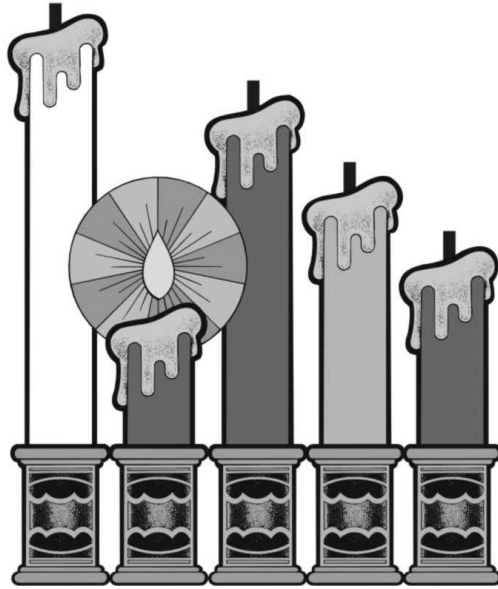


# “Growing God’s Kingdom”



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

### MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:** *Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 3, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

#### \* LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

**C Amen.**

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**C Amen.**

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Everlasting God,

**C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us**

**glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

\* GATHERING HYMN                    *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"*                    #34 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (spoken)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.   **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us.   **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.   **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**"IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR" (VS. 1)**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gracious king."  
The world in solemn still-ness lay to hear the angels sing.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.   **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us.   **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.   **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

**C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM.....Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (**responsively**)

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

\* THE VERSE                    “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1)  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

\* GOSPEL.....Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

CHILDREN’S SERMON  
SERMON

Pastor Leister  
Pastor Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY                    “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

#25 Green Hymnal

\* APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will**

**come again 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 Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

\* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

\* OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* SUNG 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.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

\* ADVENT DIALOG

P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.

**C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.**

P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord.”

**C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.**

P O come to us, Emmanuel!

**C God, be with us and save us from our sins.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets’ hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary’s openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

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.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate. Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

\* **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.**

\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take you place at the table.

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

#### DISTRIBUTION

**["At the Chancel Rail"]** – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion)

\* **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

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

\* SENDING HYMN

*“The King Shall Come”*

#33 Green Hymnal

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Haley & Olivia Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Evan, Grace & Hope Miller

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (11/13 – 12/10)

**WELCOME TO ALL!**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of my Mom, Florence Williams, by Debbie Meinsler

JUST A THOUGHT – F. F. Bruce, Biblical Scholar (1910 – 1990): Sanctification is glory begun. Glory is sanctification completed.

**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 Pastor Leister at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@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 Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

THE YOUTH OF BOTH MESSIAH AND ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCHES will be holding fundraisers in the coming months to support both work trips and the 2024 Youth Gathering in late July in New Orleans. Please see Christina Martin for cards to signify that you want to participate in the fundraisers at the Tyson Hill OIP and/or Harshbarger’s Subs and Malts. Below are the dates and locations of the upcoming fundraisers:

- December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Tyson Hill OIP
- January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Harshbarger’s Subs & Malts
- February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Tyson Hill OIP
- March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Harshbarger’s Subs & Malts

Thank you for supporting the youth of our churches!!

DONATIONS OF COOKIES will be needed for refreshments following the Christmas Cantata on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Cookies may be brought to the church anytime that weekend or on Sunday morning December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who are willing to donate.

DECEMBER’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will go towards Lutheran Disaster Relief, to help those affected in several states by natural disasters. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to L.D.R. so they may continue to serve those whose lives have been turned upside down by these disasters. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES – If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let Pastor Sam or the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION – Please let Pastor Sam or the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We will be studying the book of Revelation from Augsburg publishers. Anyone is welcome to attend. Below is the schedule through January 9, 2024:

December 5, 10:30 a.m.  
December 12, 10:30 a.m.  
December 19, NO BIBLE STUDY  
December 26, NO BIBLE STUDY  
January 2, NO BIBLE STUDY  
January 9, 10:30 a.m.

“THE KNITTERS” WILL NOT BE MEETING for the month of December. They will meet again on Monday January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr. Church Room.

MESSIAH’S PPC has purchased two AED’S (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators) along with upgraded first aid products for the Fellowship Hall and the main worship area. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000. We are all given the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of these life-saving devices. There is a chart showing envelopes with numbers on them in the Adult Sunday School Room. The number is the amount of a contribution you can make to help with this purchase. Please take an envelope and return it when you come to church.

### DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Today:** First Sunday of Advent, followed by a light luncheon (prepared by the Fellowship Committee). Decoration of the church will be held after the service and luncheon. ALL HANDS ON DECK ARE NEEDED!

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Second Sunday of Advent. *Hanging of the Greens* program will be held during the morning worship service. The topic of this year’s program will be “*Christmas Greens.*”

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Poinsettias arrive. (LAST DATE TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 12th).

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Third Sunday of Advent. Community Christmas Cantata “*Bethlehem’s Child*” at 2:00 p.m. at Messiah.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. The *Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service* begins at 7:00 p.m. featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith. *The Candlelight/Communion Service* will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS were ratified by the congregation at the Voters Assembly meeting on November 26, 2023. On Monday, November 27, 2023, they were submitted to the Synod and a 120-day waiting period will begin. If the Synod raises no concerns with the ratified constitution and by-laws then it will become effective on March 26, 2024.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLWS:

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.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at [msgoss@gmail.com](mailto:msgoss@gmail.com).

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

- Laundry Detergent      --Shaving Cream
- Clorox                      --Shampoo
- Dryer Sheets              --Deodorant
- Dish Soap                  --Body Wash

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Messiah Women of the ELCA are sponsoring 6 children for the Christmas Angel Project again this year. The sign-up chart for the clothing and non-clothing items 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.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and will be our Christmas program.

*WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

**COMMUNITY**

**HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS THAT ARE STILL NEEDED**

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.), TURKEY BREASTS, WHOLE CHICKENS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT POTATOES, BOXED STUFFING, TURKEY GRAVY, BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX, OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

\*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS.

THE 2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA, “Bethlehem’s Child” by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson, will be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Messiah at 2:00 p.m. Rehearsals are every Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. through December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are still interested in joining the cantata, please contact coordinator Bill Angenent at [k6nd@k6nd.com](mailto:k6nd@k6nd.com) or director Andrea Cameron at [messiahchoir88@yahoo.com](mailto:messiahchoir88@yahoo.com)

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -First Sunday in Advent.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Lunch after worship service followed by decorating of the church for Christmas.
- Monday:** -5:00 p.m., Lions Club in Fellowship Hall  
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.  
-7:00 p.m., Cantata Rehearsal in sanctuary.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m. Bible Study.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday:** -9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, JCPASR in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -Second Sunday in Advent.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Hanging of the Greens Service/Communion/Jr. Church.

## PRAYER LIST

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Ryan Barr  
Donna Barton  
Gary Bechtold  
Linda Brouse  
Andrea Cameron  
Terry Coder  
Rob Davis  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
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Freda Durio  
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Terri Gayer  
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Judy Hosler  
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Barry Strawser  
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Vicki Suoja  
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Gary Zeiders  
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## PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

- Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Rich Smith – Magnolia Personal Care Center, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Ray Bramm – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- Ruth Cisney – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044

# 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 12, 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 19<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) \$9.00 each: # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_