

The Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah is to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ by daily witness through prayer, service, and thanksgiving.

**Welcome to Worship
November 26, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent
Celebrating our 69th Anniversary**



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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we continue to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Please Stand If you are able

P Peace of the Lord be with you always

C **And also with you.**

Peace

The PEACE is shared at this time. If you are uncomfortable shaking hands, put your hand to your heart and say "Peace be with you" This can also be done at the end of service with the Pastor.

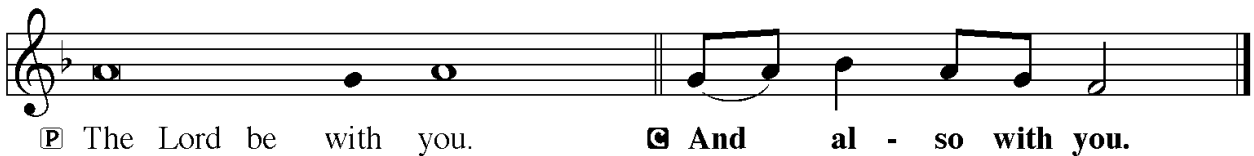
Please be seated

Blessing of the Advent Wreath (in union)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent candle

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray together.....

C O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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**

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

PRAYERS

Each petition ends:

A God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-
giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

**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.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERING ANTHEM (LBW p. 66)

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P O Lord, we Give thee but thine own whate'er the gifts may be. For all that we have is thine alone, a trust of Lord from thee.

C Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 22:41-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, 22nd chapter, starting with verse 41.



⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

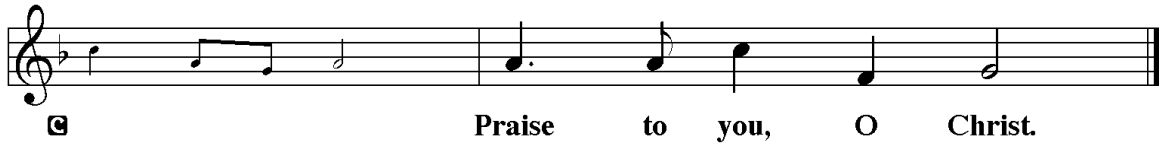
⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet" "?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Reading from “The Story” NIV Bible
Chapter 10 – Standing Tall, Falling Hard

Children's Sermon

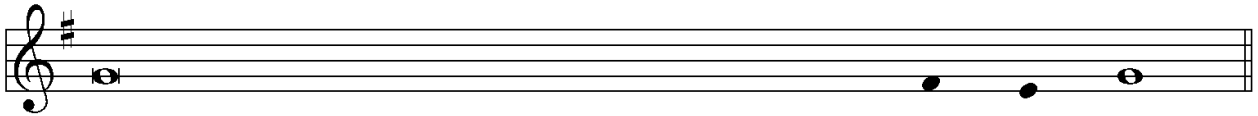
As the children come forward everyone sings "Jesus Loves Me."

Choir Anthem

Sermon

Please Stand if you are able

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come LBW 28

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C **Thanks be to God.**

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

God be with you 'til we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.

Organ Postlude *****

Visitors & Guests: We welcome you in the Name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ! Please introduce yourselves & sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Newsletter Articles: Do you have any news to put into the newsletter? Please let Pastor know or email any submissions to the office email at Office@messiahLewiston.Org. The monthly deadline for inclusion is the 25th of every month.

Altar Flowers: are now available for scheduling. The cost is \$49 for a single bouquet and \$64 for a double. There is a calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex where you may reserve a date or call the office.

Bible Study: Will be held every Wednesday at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Craft Group: On Friday, December 1st from 9am to 2pm our craft group will be held. If you have a craft, you enjoy doing and are looking for a great space to spread out and some great company please feel free to join us. All are welcome, men and woman.

Angel Tree: Please return all wrapped gifts by December 3

Benevolence: We are appealing to the congregation to assist us in meeting our Benevolence goals this year. Please consider giving something before the end of the year specially marked "benevolence" so that we can fulfill that part of our church budget. You can use your weekly envelopes, if you have them, and write "Benevolence Fund" on

the envelope, or just use a plain envelope or one of the envelopes provided in the pews on Sunday and write "Benevolence Fund" on the outside. Thank you! Your Church Council

Church Calendar

Monday, November 27	10am (W)hole hearted
Friday, December 1	9am to 2pm Craft Group
Sunday, December 3	Angel Tree Gifts due
Sunday, December 10	2pm Lewiston Choraleers Concert
Friday, December 15	9am to 2pm Craft Group
Saturday, December 16	Christmas Baskets
Sunday, December 24	10am Sing A Long Service
Sunday, December 24	7pm Candle Light Service
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day/Office Closed
Monday, December 25	10am Christmas Service
Sunday, December 31	Potluck Tailgate after 2 nd Service

Weekly Chapter Readings

November 26	Chapter 10 – Standing Tall, Falling Hard
December 3	Chapter 11- From Shepherd to King
December 10	Chapter 12 – The Trails of a King
December 17	Chapter 13 – The King Who Had It All

December 24

Christmas Eve Service – Sing A Long

December 31

Chapter 14 – A Kingdom Torn in Two

DEACON SCHEDULE

If you can't help on the day assigned to you, please let Pastor or Darinda know.

DATE	ASSISTANT DEACON	COMMUNION DEACON
November 26, 2023	Judy Condino	
December 3, 2023	Darinda Hoffman	Candy Ingwersen
December 10, 2023	Robin Stevens	
December 17, 2023	Joan DeVantier	Sally Schoonmaker
December 24, 2023	Kathy Harold	
December 25, 2023	Kathy Harold	
December 31, 2023	Judy Condino	Sally Schoonmaker

The lector for the month of December is TBA.

Altar guild for the month of December is Darinda Hoffman.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

If you can't help on the day assigned to you, please let Pastor or Kim know.

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte
November 26, 2023		
December 3, 2023	William Borget	Noah Balcom
December 10, 2023		
December 17, 2023		

Prayer requests may be given, in writing, or on a signup sheet in the narthex, you may also call the church office during the week.

Please let us know when names can be removed.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Patricia D. Barber	Donna Lascelle
Erin Deering	Jared Lombardi
Aviya Di Stefano	Heather May
Adela Gunkelman	Gianna Mazzei
Fred Horwath	Gretchen Morgan
Ray & Dottie Kline	Al Sandstrom
Sydney Zimmerman	Marilyn Peltz
Beth MacSwan	Jodi Nash
Jon MacSwan	Arlene Sliz
Michael Coffey	Joyce Carr
Brian Ziemendorf	Marion “Helwig” Wrobel
Jason Pitts	Chad Heath
Katie Fabianski	Mary Beth Brault
Frederick Schmidt	Marisa Balcom
Frank Getz	Ed Torba
Ted Sadler	Vince Simone
Mike Keicher	Christi Lynch
Elisa Gunkelman	Daniel Acome
Steven Heinz	Brian Besaw
Daniel Wade	Vanessa Gulley

Those who are caregivers or those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease.

Those who serve our country:



Jim Bane
SSgt. Andrew Baxter
David Broderick
SSgt. Justin DeVantier
MSgt. Bill Ingwersen
2nd Lt. Mitchell Sembert
Specialist Anthony Tamul
Sgt. Hannah Mergi
Sgt. Tyler Colby

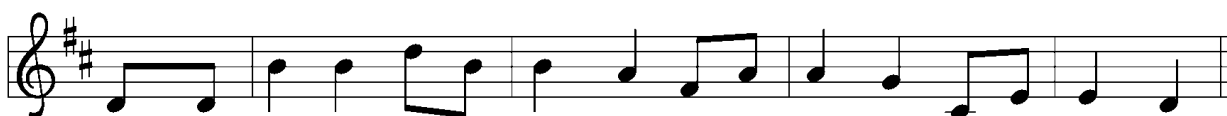
Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; show the glo - ry of the Son!
- 2 Not of hu - man seed or worth, but from God's own mys - tic breath,
- 3 Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
- 4 God the Fa - ther is his source, back to God he runs his course;



Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in awe; praise the per - fect Son of God.
 fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun when God breathed the Word, his Son.
 Might-y God and man in one, ea - ger now his race to run!
 down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.

- 5 He leaves heaven to return;
 trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;
 riding out, returning home
 as the Savior who has come.
- 6 God the Father's precious Son
 girds himself in flesh to run
 for the trophies of our souls,
 longer than this round earth rolls.
- 7 Shining stable in the night,
 breathing vict'ry with your light;
 darkness cannot hide your flame,
 shining bright as Jesus' name.

Text: attr. St. Ambrose, 340–397; tr. composite

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