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✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Brandt Wendland**
Ushers: **Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter**
Counting Team 4: **Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner**
Hospitality Team 1: **Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice Sandhoefner**

Church Cleaners: **Kitzman** School: **Hein**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Benno Sydow, Gary Gunther, Larry Nelson, Jacob Rhinesmith, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter**
Counting Team 1: **Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Pat Paplow**
Hospitality Team 2: **Janelle Hein; Chris Lentz; Jenny Kleifgen**
Church Cleaners: **Kitzman** School: **A. Baker**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Dec. 8: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Luncheon
 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
 3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
Wed., Dec. 11: 4:30 pm – Catechism
 7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship
Fri., Dec. 13: 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall
Sun., Dec. 15: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:00 am – Worship Service
 11:15 am – Luncheon
 12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 18: 6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
 7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship
Fri., Dec. 20: 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert
Sun., Dec. 22: 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal; 12:00 pm – Council
Tue., Dec. 24: 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
Wed., Dec. 25: 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
Sun., Dec. 29: 10 am – Worship Service
 (Bible Class, Sunday School, Hospitality suspended)
Tue., Dec. 31: 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 2

Date: December 8, 2013

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 75: Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken
 TLH 56: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
 WS 712: What Child Is This?
 TLH 85, st. 13: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Worship Prep:

Psalm 130, p. 153

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
 Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. ³His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. ⁶"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." (NKJVTM)

"What Child Is This?"

✠ *THE ANNOUNCEMENTS* ✠

- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** These continue the next two Wednesdays, Dec. 11 and 18, at 7 pm. Our last midweek service on Dec. 18 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm.
- ◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on December 18. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share.
- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** This coming Fri., Dec. 13, 2 pm, the Christian Day School children will present a concert at the Northtown Mall. They will be near the inside mall entrance to Best Buy.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book. For any questions, please see Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 8: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 15: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
 - ◆ Sun., Dec. 22: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)
- ◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *Christmas: A Celebration of Life*. The kids are asked to be here 1/2 an hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through some things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held today at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held on Fri., Dec. 20, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. There is a signup list for the trip by the guestbook. The students in the choir are currently preparing to sing the famous and familiar "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah". But not to sing it alone! If you are planning to attend the concert and would like to sing along from your place in the pews, you are asked to bring with you a copy of the score. A downloadable version (from the choral public domain library) is available at the following address: <http://www0.cpd.org/wiki/images/sheet/han-m42c.pdf>
- ◆ **2014 Cleaning:** The 2014 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ, has received the call from Living Hope in Appleton, WI.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** All Parts for Christmas Eve

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Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

THE MESSIAH'S KINGDOM OF PEACE

The King would arise when it no longer seemed possible. Jesse was the father of King David. God had promised David that his descendants would reign on his throne forever. For over 400 years there was a descendant of David on the throne of Judah, then came the Babylonian captivity. Jerusalem was destroyed and the people taken away. There was no one from David's line that ruled as king in Jerusalem again. For over 600 years Israel was ruled by foreign kings. It seemed impossible that God would keep that promise to David.

That is exactly what God had foretold through Isaiah. He said that a shoot would come from the "stump of Jesse." That implies that the great tree of David's dynasty would be cut down. There would be nothing left but a stump. But God promised that when it looked like it was cut off and dead, a shoot would rise up from that stump.

That shoot, of course, was Jesus. He did spring up from the root of Jesse, from a direct descendant of king David. As the angel told Mary, "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob, forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:32-33). God kept His promise to David and this promise in Isaiah.

This is an important reminder to us. Even when it seems impossible, God always keeps His promises in ways more wonderful than we could imagine.

There may be times in your life when it doesn't seem possible that God will keep his promises to you. It may seem like God is not keeping His promise to never leave you and never forsake you. Just be patient, God always keeps His promises.

Some laugh at Jesus' promise to come again and judge the living and the dead. Just be patient. He will keep that promise. He will come again. He will raise all the dead. He will judge the earth. And He will take every believer who trusts in Him for forgiveness and salvation to live with Him forever in paradise.

The Advent season reminds us that just as Jesus came to this world when it seemed impossible and many had given up hope, so He will come again. It is also a reminder that our King can and does establish this kingdom of peace when and where it seems impossible. It may seem impossible to find peace on earth, even at Christmas time. Our King is faithful and true to His promises. Our King has come and has established His kingdom. In that kingdom and in His faithfulness we find peace.