

this week @ COS

The Jesse Tree Advent Devotions

The faculty of Martin Luther College have authored a devotional booklet for the Advent Season called "The Jesse Tree." There are several copies free for pick up at the Welcome Center.

Women's December Devotional Series

The new December devotion series from Women's Ministry is designed to help you stay refreshed in the Word and focused on Christ. Written by your sisters in Christ, these daily devotions will bring you Biblical encouragement and insights.

Sign up to receive these devotions in your e-mail at wels.net/women, and feel free to forward and share them with others everywhere. Built on Scripture, these devotions will give different perspectives of Christmas from many different women in the account of Christ's birth. Stop for just a moment to receive the peace and strength that only God's Word can bring.

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.



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Advent | First Sunday



November 29, 2020

Sunday, November 29

8:30 am Worship (LS)
9:45 am Worship
11:00 am Worship

Monday, November 30

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
9:00 am Preschool 4s
9:15 am Preschool 3s
9:30 am Outdoor Nativity Set Up
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (V)

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 am Preschool 4s
9:15 am Preschool 3s (V)

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 am Preschool 4s
9:15 am Preschool 3s
2-7:00 pm Private Communion
6:00 pm Confirmation Classes (V)

Thursday, December 3

9:00 am Preschool 4s
9:15 am Preschool 3s
6:30 pm Worship

Friday, December 4

9:00 am Preschool 4s
9:30 am Toddler Time

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Worship (LS)
9:45 am Worship
11:00 am Worship

(LS) - livestreamed
(V) - virtual, online

Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus, now ap - pear,

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth, as he ap - proach - es, With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here.

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console in the rear of the sanctuary.

Offerings

Give+Online is a safe and popular way to automate your giving. Access via cosrock.org/donate or "COS Rock" app.

Kids Church

Kids Church is on hiatus.

Nursery

There is no nursery this weekend. Children's Bulletins are available at the Welcome Center.

Life Passages

Find information, church policies, application forms for baptism, marriage, funerals, membership at cosrock.org.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Advent Wreath Children’s Message

First Lesson Isaiah 63:16b-17, 64:1-9
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Holy Gospel Mark 13:32-37

Pastoral Care

When in need of pastoral care, please call the church office 866-1881 or contact a pastor directly.

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Private Communion

Wednesdays, 2:00-7:00 pm

The weekly E-Bulletin and the congregation’s website calendar have links to an online scheduling system so that you can make an appointment to receive the Sacrament outside the larger group gatherings of a typical COS worship service.

2020 Holiday Assistance Drive

Our annual holiday assistance drive seeks monetary donations in 2020 instead of food stuffs, toiletries, etc. During November and December gifts designated “Assistance” will be deposited into our assistance fund and disbursed to COS members in need and to North Kent Connect, serving the needs of people in northern Kent County.

2021 Offering Envelopes

Those enrolled in COS online giving can “opt out” of having a box of 2021 offering envelopes assigned to them. Email cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com to inform Tom Marten of your decision. Those not opting out will be able to pick up their 2021 offering envelopes at church in late November or early December.

2020 Contribution Statements

Annual contribution statements are available via your online COS membership account, accessed via the members tab on either the church website or app. If you neglected to set up your account, contact Pastor Hahm for instructions. You can also contact the church office to request your 2020 contribution statement.

WELS Together e-newsletter

Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don’t miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Go to wels.net/together to read more and subscribe today.

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news & happenings

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

7:30 am Mondays

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study is moving to remote only. Links are in the weekly E-bulletin and on the church website calendar.

Outdoor Nativity Set-Up

9:30 am Monday, November 30

The men's breakfast Bible study will set up the outdoor nativity on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Any one interested in helping is invited to join them.

Confirmation Classes

6:00 pm Wednesdays

The 6-8th grade confirmation classes resume this week. They will meet remotely. Teachers will send links to the households of their classes.

Thursday Worship

Thursday worship resumes at 6:30 pm on December 3. The Thursday services offer the most social distancing due to the smaller attendances.

Sanctuary Decorating

8:00 am Monday, December 7

The sanctuary will be decorated for the Christmas season on the day after the Second Sunday in Advent. Those interested in helping should expect it to take about an hour and a half.

COScast

Are you watching the daily COScasts? Each weekday morning our pastors upload a 3-5 minute video to the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church YouTube channel. Mondays recap the weekend's worship and announcements, Tuesdays and Thursdays are devotions and prayers on the Psalm for the week, Wednesdays are music based, and Fridays feature interviews. Check it out. Better yet, subscribe!

Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriage needs moments of encouragement and refreshment. Beginning this October, *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Subscribe via the link included in this week's COS E Bulletin.

COS E Bulletin

You need the weekly COS E Bulletin for all the links to all the virtual classes, groups, etc. Subscribe at cosrock.org.

Hymn Savior of the Nations Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing

heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell — High the song of tri - umph swell!

5 Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

Hymn Hark! A Thrilling Voice

4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - spect - ed, Comes with
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er-

near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -

last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n,
with his mer - cy, And with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!