



King of Grace Lutheran Church

# The Messenger

A special abbreviated Christmas edition



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## Upcoming Events:

- **Divine Services**  
Sundays, 9:00 a.m.
- **Youth Christmas Program**  
Sunday, Dec. 20, 9:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Eve Service**  
Thursday, Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Day Service**  
Friday, Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.
- **Check calendar on back for more**



## Message from Vicar Skogen...

### What Child Is This?

What Child is this...born of a virgin?

What Child is this...born in the little town of Bethlehem?

What Child is this...born in a feeding trough in a cave for holding animals?

What Child is this...whose humble birth caused angels to appear and sing for joy in the presence of the shepherds?

What Child is this...whom the shepherds came to see and worship?

What Child is this...whom the magi traveled far to see and worship?

What Child is this...Jesus, who is the entire reason for Christmas?

What Child is this...whom we worship?

What Child is this? No one can deny that newborn babies are a precious sight to see. But no baby has ever been so special as the baby Jesus. What sets Him apart?

Jesus' birth was not a birth of just another man. Jesus' birth was the human birth of GOD! That is why Jesus is called "Immanuel," which means "God with us." Jesus is 100% God and 100% man.

We confess this truth when we say the Apostles Creed. "I believe in Jesus Christ, His (God the Father's) only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary..."

What does Jesus' birth mean for the world? It means that Jesus Christ, in whom the human nature and divine nature are united, reconciled us to God. Since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, all of us have been separated from God because of our sin. No man could reconcile us with God. But "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). Only He who is both true God and true man can reconcile man with God. He did this through His perfect life and His innocent death for the forgiveness of our sins.

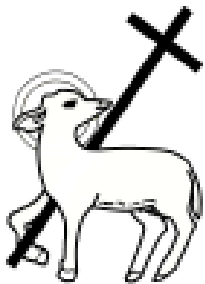
What Child is this that lies in the manger? He is the Child born of the Virgin Mary, and He is the eternal and almighty Son of God. He is our Lord and our Reconciler. My family and I pray that you have a blessed Christmas in this joyous news!

## Remembering the real reason of the season...

At Christmas, many of us look forward to seeing family and friends, to all the fun festivities of Christmas, and many look to help those who are less fortunate. These are all good things, but it is most important to remember the reason for Christmas, Jesus' birth.

Here are some ways to remember:

- Go to church
- When celebrating with family, read the Christmas account (Luke 2:1-20)
- Sing Christmas hymns
- When you look at the Christmas tree, think of the tree of life, the cross, on which Jesus died for our salvation
- When you give and receive gifts, let it remind you of the greatest gift, Jesus Christ
- Tell others the meaning of Christmas
- When you think of Santa, remember that he is derived from a real person named St. Nicholas (270-347 AD), a bishop who defended the Christian faith



*Preaching Christ crucified for the salvation of souls*

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- that Scripture is God's Word and is true in every place
- in the inerrancy of Scripture
- God's Word does not change in a changing world
- the historic Christian faith
- that salvation is through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone

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## December 2009 - "O Come Let us Adore Him!"

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	<b>2</b> Midweek Advent Service, 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5
<b>6</b> Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.	7	8	<b>9</b> Midweek Advent Service 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12
<b>13</b> Divine Service w/ Communion, 9 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.	14	15	<b>16</b> Midweek Advent Service 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19
<b>20</b> Divine Service w/ Youth Christmas pro- gram, 9:00 a.m.	21	22	23	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Candlelight Ser- vice, 6 p.m.	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Service, 9:00 a.m.	26
<b>27</b> Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.	28	29	30	31		