



Atascocita Lutheran Church

We seek to make Christ known in our community through
reflecting Christ in our lives.



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Thursday Seeds

December 19, 2024

The King is Near!

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!
("Prepare the Royal Highway" LWB #26)

The preparing we do during Advent is a preparation that is filled with a new beginning, hope and the promise of a greater future.

The coming of the "King of kings" as an infant child, one who will bring an end to the rule of sin in our lives, is the hope and expectation of our Advent preparation. As we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and the birth of the Christ child, we are reminded of the reason for Christ's birth.

Jesus came in human form to restore us to a right relationship with our God, to secure for us the forgiveness of sins, and to live as an example of the life God desires all of His children to live. Christ's life is the template for how we are to be in relationship with our God and with one another. Jesus calls us to look not only at ourselves and our own selfish desires, but to lift our heads up from our navels and engage the world and those around us in love, mercy, and justice. We have an open invitation to walk with God every day of our lives. In short, Jesus' birth is an end to the old rule of sin in our lives.

During His life, Jesus healed the lame, restored sight to the blind, bound up the broken hearted, cured the sick, calmed storms, and proclaimed the in-breaking of God's holy kingdom. It is this kingdom's in-breaking that provides a second level of our Advent preparation.

We are not just preparing for the birth of a child, but the return of our Lord Jesus as he ushers in the completeness of God's eternal kingdom. Scripture tells us time and again that in that kingdom, there will be no more tears, no pain or sorrow. We will know the eternal joy of God's love, grace and mercy.

We do experience the in-breaking of this kingdom during our lives, and it is these experiences that fill us with greater expectation of the coming fullness of God's kingdom. When Christ comes again, indeed, the world as we know it will end, but we have the promise that we will move into a greater future.

I invite you to come and join together with all members and friends of ALC as we finish preparing the royal highway once again because our King of kings is near. For that, we can sing Hosanna to the Lord!

God's peace and blessings,
Pastor Brian



Children's Sunday School held during worship

Children's Sunday School is held DURING worship time.

- 9:30 am - Children begin worship with parents
- 9:45 am - Children move to Sunday School (room 106) after Children's sermon
- 10:20 am - Children return to parents in pews (before Holy Communion)

This Sunday, December 22, the Sunday school youth will stay after worship for a dress rehearsal followed by pizza. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Sledge at 281-731-6509.



Adult Forum

Each Sunday after worship join us at 10:45 am. for a look ahead to the next week's scripture lessons. The forum is in the large classroom on the right side of the hallway when you are leaving worship.

Pastor Brian will help guide the group through the up coming lessons to learn what they may have to say to us in worship the next Sunday and for the week ahead.

Expressive Movement

This Sunday, Peg Swavely will do expressive movement to "You will know Him when He comes" with Sue Murtaugh and Russ Senti singing.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

There will be a live nativity scene in front of the church on FM 1960. Help us share the good news of Jesus' birth to all the world - or at least to our community. Drive by and support our youth.



Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve candle light worship at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

- 4:30 pm The ALC youth will be telling their version of the Christmas story at the Christmas Eve Youth service. Experience some of our long held traditions and the beginnings of new treasured events as spoken by the voice of our youth and heard through the notes of beloved songs. This service will leave you full of the true joy of Christmas.



7:00 pm - a traditional service with Holy Communion



Sunday, December 29

Worship at 9:30 am
No Children's or Adult Sunday School this morning

All services will be held in person and online.

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor leads a Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in his office. All are welcome!! Our focus is on the book of Jeremiah.



Noisy Offering

In December, noisy offering will go to HAAM. Thank you for your generous support!



Basket Weavers meet Saturday, December 28 at 9:00 am

Join our basket weavers group as we gather from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone interested in the craft of basket weaving is invited to attend. Contact Joy C. for more information.



Donate here



HAAM's Holiday Food Bags

Food Donations Items:

- Stuffing Mix
- Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy Packet
- Canned Vegetables
- Boxed Jiffy Corn Bread
- Canned Fruit
- 1LB Bag Pinto/Red Bean
- 1LB Bag of Rice
- Yams/Cranberry Sauce
- Brownie Mix

Accepting Donations Beginning October 1st

Donation Times:
Monday -Thursday
8am - 3pm



HAAM
A MISSION OF HELP AND HOPE

Please place items for HAAM in the HAAM box located at the entrance to the sanctuary.
Thank you!



We remember in Prayer

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”— Philippians 4:6



Jose Alfaro
Carol Appleby
Vincent Barajas
Miguel Carlos
Bri Carrington
Jim Ely
Carolyn Gardella
Justin Gardella
Vernon Harris
David Hinman
Judy Johnson
Patrick Konikoff
Marilyn Konikoff

Ken Meyer
Sue Murtaugh
Donna Nice
Billy & Barbara Phillips
Bret & Vanesa Roe
Cy Rogers
Joy Sisler
Sam Sledge
Sharon Sledge
Tanya Stuart
Gabriel Walton
Don Wilcox
John Wilkerson

Verlyn Williams
Lori Austin Wilson
Mark Wilson
Pauline Wiseman
People affected by
Hurricane Helene and Milton

Please keep those who are in active duty with the U.S. Military in your prayers, especially Caleb Gomez & Brady Mikesell.

If you or someone you requested prayer for has recovered or can be removed from the list, please let us know.



- 12/01 – Chris Senti
- 12/02 - Nancy Bonser
- 12/02 - Jerry Weeks
- 12/05 - Zack Cargill
- 12/10 - Sarah Deckinger
- 12/10 - Scott Heinrich
- 12/14 - Allen DeWoody
- 12/14 - Jim Ely
- 12/15 - Tim Trautman
- 12/18 - Nancy Garcia
- 12/18 - Laurie McDonald
- 12/21 - Tanner Benavidez
- 12/26 - Rita Foisie
- 12/26 - Avery Venegas
- 12/30 - Vivian Walker
- 12/31 - Chris Beyer



12/27 - Tom & Laurie McDonald

December Worship Team

	Greeter	Lector	Counter	Usher
Dec. 1	The Beyer Family	Ellen Poxon	Steve Beyer	Tim & Tres Garcia
Dec. 8	Donna & Sid Nice	Nancy Gsrcia	Sue Murtaugh	Tim & Tres Garcia
Dec. 15	Laurie & Tom McDonald	Judy Cargill	Sharon Sledge	Tim & Tres Garcia
Dec. 22	Robin Crizer & Judy Johnson	Ellen Poxon	Joy Berthold	
Dec. 29	The Beyer Family	Martha Deckinger	Robin Crizer	

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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday Advent 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Advent party	2	3	4 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Adult choir	5	6	7 9:00 am City On The Hill
8 2nd Sunday Advent 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Volunteer lunch	9 7:00 pm Book Club	10	11 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Adult choir	12	13	14 9:00 am City On The Hill
15 3rd Sunday Advent 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum	16	17 6 pm Peace By Piecing Quilt Guild	18 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Adult choir	19	20	21 9:00 am City On The Hill 6:00 pm Bunco
22 4th Sunday Advent 9:30 am Worship 9:45 am Children's SCS 10:45 am Adult Forum 12:30 pm Live Nativity	23	24 4:30 pm Christmas Eve worship 7:00 pm Christmas Eve worship	25 	26	27	28 9:00 am Basket weaving 9:00 am City On The Hill
29 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:30 am Worship	30	31	Jan. 1 	2	3	4 9:00 am City On The Hill