



# THE MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2025

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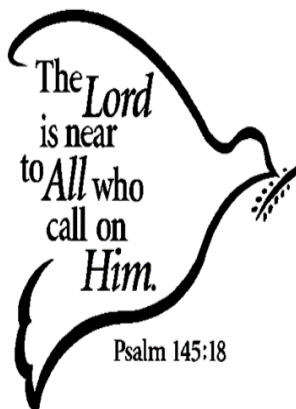
8:30 am English

9:45 am Spanish

11:00 am English

## Bible Study Times

Thursday 5pm



During this busy Christmas season, it's easy to get caught up in plans, shopping, and celebrations. But in the middle of all the noise, Christmas gently reminds us of one powerful truth: God came near.

In Matthew 1:23 we read, "They shall call His name Immanuel," which means "God is with us." Jesus didn't come in power or prestige—He came as a baby in a manger, choosing humility so that every person could feel welcomed into His presence.

Christmas is more than a story; it's an invitation.

An invitation to slow down.

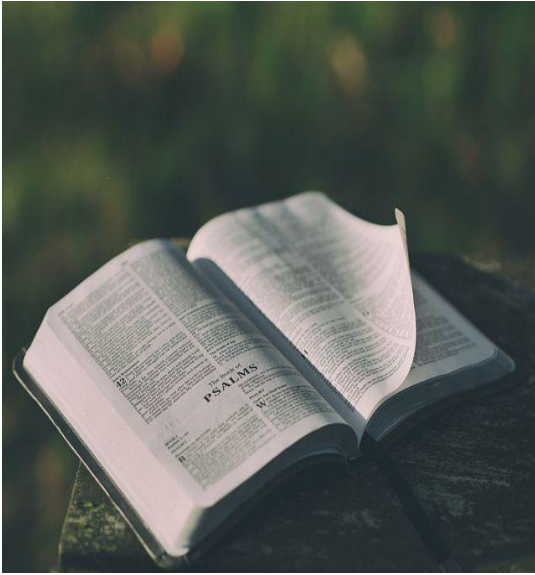
To reflect.

To remember that the same God who stepped into a quiet stable wants to step into our lives today.

Whatever you may be facing—joy or stress, celebration or struggle—this season reminds us that we are not alone. God is with us, guiding, strengthening, and loving us beyond measure.

*Merry Christmas*

## DECEMBER BIBLE LESSONS



**12/7 Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**  
**Romans 15:4-13**  
**Matthew 3:1-12**

**12/14 Isaiah 35:1-10**  
**Psalm 146:5-10**  
**James 5:7-10**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**

**12/21 Isaiah 7:10-16**  
**Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**  
**Romans 1:1-17**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

**12/28 Isaiah 63:7-9**  
**Psalm 148**  
**Hebrews 2:10-18**  
**Matthew 2:13-23**



12/6 Brandon Ramirez    12/8 Ron Nordstrom  
12/11 Ted Marquez    12/16 Beatriz Lopez  
12/16 Christa Fox

### Benevolence

Lutheran World Relief



**11/30- Pastor Maria Santa Cruz will be preaching  
at the 8:30am & 11:0am service.**

**12/28- Birthdays will be celebrated.**

**Friendly reminder to please use our colored  
envelopes when giving your offerings.**



For unto you is born this day in the city  
of David a Savior, who is Christ the  
Lord.

And this will be a sign for you: you will  
find a baby wrapped in swaddling  
clothes and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:11-12

