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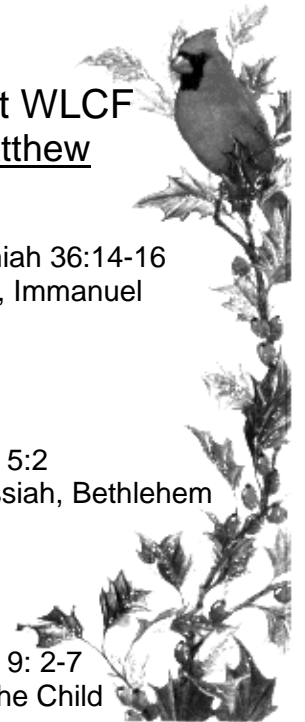
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2023 Advent Christmas Season at WLCF

Theme: Titles of Jesus in Matthew



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Message – Messiah, Yeshua, Immanuel
Matthew 1:17-23

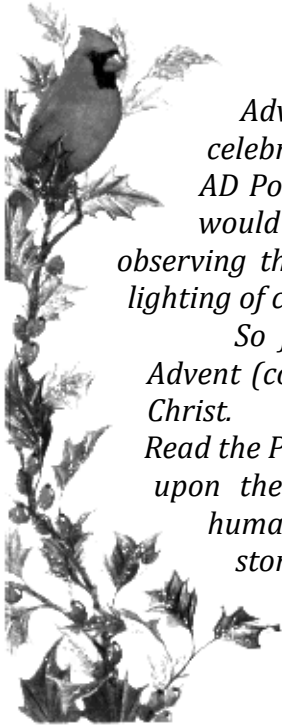
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Message– King of Jews. Messiah, Bethlehem
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Message – Children Killed, The Child
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- Sun. 17-Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent
Candle and Reading – Isaiah 7:13, 14
Message – The New Moses, Israel, Prophecy
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Christmas Program

- Sun 24-Dec Christmas Sunday
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Birth of Jesus
Open Worship

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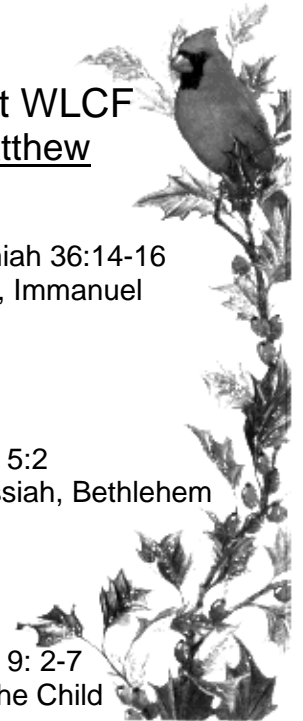
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