







**RIVERSIDE
KiDS**
SUNDAYS
6 WEEKS - GRADE 5

Check out all the fun teaching and activities every Sunday!

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**RIVERSIDE
STUDENTS**

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM
GRADES 6-12
OFF DEC 25 & JAN 1
SEE YOU WED, JAN 8!


Riverside Students (RS) is all about reaching students (and everyone in their lives) to help them become fully-devoted followers of Jesus.

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WINTER CAMP
FEB 14-16

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**Retired
Reimagine
Redeploy**

Fri, Jan 3 - 9am | At Big Lake & Sauk Rapids Campuses

RSVP on the connect card or at:

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Join a small group - we'll help!

GROUPLINK

Your *group* matters.

SUNDAYS, JAN 5 & 12 • AFTER EACH SERVICE

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YOUR YEAR-END GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Mail gifts by Tues, Dec 31 to ensure postmark by the end of 2024.

Give a year-end gift digitally by midnight December 31st.

<p>LEARN MORE MYRC.CHURCH/GIVE</p> <p>Learn more about giving at Riverside, ways to give, and see how your giving matters.</p> <p><i>Your giving matters.</i> AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE!</p>	<p>GIVE TODAY MYRC.LINK/GIVE or scan!</p> <p>AUTOMATE THE IMPORTANT! Make this your next step. Easily set up recurring giving or give a one-time gift. You can also give at the boxes or kiosks in the foyer; look for the blue "Thank You for Giving" signs.</p> 
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SUNDAYS
BIG LAKE Campus @ 8:45AM, 10:30AM & 12:05PM
BUFFALO Campus @ 9AM & 10:45AM
SAUK RAPIDS Campus @ 9AM & 10:45AM




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Merry Christmas!
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Christmas
at **Riverside**

Why Christmas is Real and Relevant

Christmas Eve • Dec 24, 2024 • Pastor Tom Lundeen



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MESSAGE NOTES

Why Christmas is Real and Relevant

Dec 24, 2024
Pastor Tom Lundeen

So what's the _____ of Christmas?

1. God Came to Earth

Jesus didn't _____ as a baby in a manger (note **Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15-16**).

Seeing Jesus is seeing _____ (note **John 1:14**).

2. God Became a _____ (note **Philippians 2:7**)

- A. Jesus was _____ like us (note **Luke 2:5-7**) ...the whole history of the world rested in that one _____ infant.
- B. Jesus _____ like us (note **Luke 2:52**).
- C. He was _____ like us (note **Hebrews 4:14-16**) - Jesus can relate to us when we _____ with temptations.
- D. He _____ like us - Jesus felt pain, disappointment, _____, and knew loneliness (note **Matthew 26:38**). He became what we are so we can become like _____ is.

3. Jesus Was Born to _____ (note **Philippians 2:8**)

- A. To demonstrate God's _____ (note **Romans 5:8; John 15:13**) - If you want to know how much God loves you, look at the _____.
- B. To _____ for our sins - Jesus paid our _____. He took our _____ (note **Romans 3:23; 1 Peter 2:24**). Jesus came to be the Savior of the world (note **Luke 2:11**). If we didn't need a Savior, God wouldn't have _____ the effort to send one. A personal relationship with God through Jesus means _____ from guilt, worry, fear, and purposelessness in life.

4. Jesus is _____ (note **Philippians 2:9-11; Luke 2:11**)

- A. I acknowledge Jesus is really _____ - He's the Lord over my life, my _____, and that means I'll do what He tells me to do.
- B. I believe Jesus is in _____ - no matter what the circumstances are and how _____ things may seem, Jesus is Lord.
- C. I commit _____ of my life to Jesus - I seek to live according to His _____ and purposes (note **Romans 10:9**).

This Christmas at Riverside:

- Christmas is for _____ people.
- It's _____ to every human being...
- He was born to die so that we could _____.

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

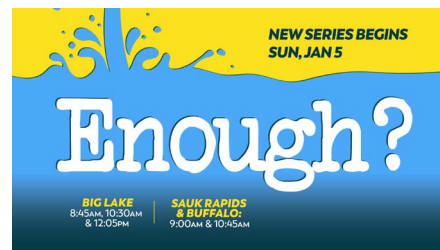
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~~~~~ *We hope to see you again!* ~~~~~



### Sunday, Dec 29

Next Sunday concludes our Christmas at Riverside message series. The message will be about waiting amidst life's uncertainty. Riverside Kids (RK) is always ready to make it a great time for your kids! 2 Services at each campus, no 12:05pm at Big Lake.

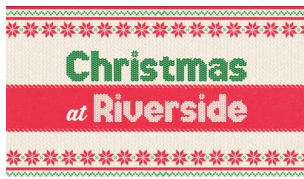


### Sunday, Jan 5

Let's start the new year together! *Enough?* is our upcoming message series focused on what grace really is and why it matters so much. We also have GroupLink after each service to explore small groups at Riverside and a fun RK Day for kids!

(more on the back)





## MESSAGE NOTES

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Dec 24, 2024  
Pastor Tom Lundeen

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