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Welcome Visitors!

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion. The word "communion" means "union with" and it is an appropriate name since in the Lord's Supper we celebrate the union which exists between:

- 1) Ourselves and Jesus Christ,
- 2) Each other through our unity of faith,
- 3) The bread and the body of Christ, and
- 4) The wine and the blood of Christ.

To receive this Sacrament in a worthy manner, it is necessary that a person believe:

- 1) That he is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness,
- 2) That forgiveness is given to us through the passion and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, and
- 3) That the true body and blood of Jesus Christ are present in the Sacrament.

If you truly believe this but have never received the Sacrament at this church, please speak to the pastor before coming to the altar.

Also, to help ensure that you commune in what Scripture calls a "worthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27), meaning in a manner consistent with Jesus' institution, and not to your harm, please prayerfully read through the "Christian Questions and Answers" for those who intend to go to the Sacrament, found on pages 329-330 in "Lutheran Service Book". This is the basis of our preparation of youth to receive the Lord's Supper, and it is always a most appropriate way for us to renew our knowledge of the Sacrament and to rekindle the devotion and piety of repentance and faith as we come to the Lord's Table.

White grape juice is available in the rose-colored cups, located in the center of each tray, for those who do not wish to consume alcohol.

Serving Today

November 15, 2020

Head Usher: Michael Trumann

Elder: Dean Lingley

Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals

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Greeters: Justin and Brenna Schroeder

Altar Guild: Dianne Estes, Cheryl Knake and Sheila Selk

✠ Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Opening Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Please stand

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Hymn

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

(Choir will sing during our 11:00a service)

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
³You return man to dust
and say, “Return, O children of man!”
⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
⁵You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?
¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly

point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al-
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
trea - sures! With shame and trem-bling they will stand And at the

flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com-mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judg - e's stern com-mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

Sermon Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

LSB 338

1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised for all Your gifts and graces, which You have given to us, Your unworthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward all people as they have need.
- P** You have made us Your people and preserved us through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to pour out upon us grace upon grace, that we may be kept in faith and guarded in hope. Make Your Church throughout the world one in doctrine, confession and life, and give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word with conviction. Deliver us from confusion and error by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and raise up those who will continue to serve in faithfulness and humility. Deliver all enemies of Your Church and convert their hearts to repentance and faith. Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word and receive the salvation of our souls. Let us pray to the Lord . . .
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Remembering that here we have no abiding city but heaven is our home, give us Your aid so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Offering

*All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness
for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions
for all that we need for this body and life.
During this time the offering basket is located at the back of church.
Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.*

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
**For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first
and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

Distribution Hymns

“What Is the World to Me”

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

LSB 854



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
 4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
 5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
 in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
 boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
 Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
 ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
 e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

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This Week at a Glance

- Today:** **Poinsettia Orders Forms Due / Scrip Order Forms Due**
 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion (masks required)
 10:15-10:45 am Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (masks recommended)
 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion (masks optional)
 4-6 pm Sr. High Youth Group Fellowship
- Wednesday:** 4:30-6 pm Confirmation in the Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Choir meets in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday:** 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Olivia Harms' Home
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Announcements

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Thanksgiving Day Worship Sign-up

The Thanksgiving Day Worship service will be limited to 75 people in the Sanctuary with the overflow viewing the service via video in the Fellowship Hall and able to participate in the Lord's Supper. Masks will be required for this service with social distancing guidelines followed. If you would like to attend and need assistance signing up, please contact Kendra. Thank you!

Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsals will be held Wednesday at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Each rehearsal will last one hour. The goal of this group is to provide special music for several of the Sunday services during November and December. Please join our rehearsals as you are able and share the talent God has given you to sing His praise!

Senior High Youth Group Fellowship

Next Sunday, November 15, 2020, the OSLC Senior High Youth (grades 9th-12th) will be meeting once again. I am excited to continue with our Bible Study. Youth Group will be from 4-6p. Please bring \$5 for pizza and pop. Please let me know if your youth will be attending.

Christmas Poinsettias Forms due Today

We will once again be ordering poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. The poinsettias will be \$15.00 each and will appear in the chancel area, beginning Christmas Eve. Please return your order form, located in the Narthex on the information rack, and payment to Kendra in the Church Office today.

Scrip Orders due Today

Order forms and payment are due to the Church Office today to ensure your cards will be delivered in time for your Black Friday adventures. We will also place another script order on Sunday, December 6 to assist with those last minute gifts. The Gift Cards will arrive and be distributed that same week. Please consider supporting the youth (and future leaders of the congregation) in this simple way!

Christmas Eve Children's Program Canceled

Recently, the Board of Education of OSLC met and after much discussion, it was with immense regret that due to COVID-19, and the inability to conduct proper rehearsals and social distancing, the Children's Christmas Eve program for this year has been canceled. The children, however, will still be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, only in a different way. Details to come!

The 12 Days Before Christmas

This season as we prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Sunday School children will share their talents with us in anticipation of Christmas Day. The 12 Days Before Christmas will consist of the 5 Sunday School classes sharing stories, scriptures, and songs leading us down that long road to Bethlehem and the manger on that first Christmas Day. These short videos will be available to watch on the Our Savior Lutheran Church Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran and check them out beginning Monday, December 14th.

Sunday School Children Needed

On Sunday, November 22nd at 3:30p, the Sunday School children will be needed at the church to record a special presentation as part of the 12 Days Before Christmas promotion. This will take place prior to the Youth Group meeting at 4:00p. We need as many, if not all, of the children as possible to come to make this extra special! If you have any questions, please contact Brian Neukomm at 815-263-5134.

Comfort, Hope, & Joy - A Facebook Live Event!

With the upcoming Christmas season looking anything but normal, and the cancelation of many holiday worship service opportunities in various communities, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford will be hosting a Facebook Live event featuring musicians from within the congregation, along with scripture readings, prayers, and words of inspiration. There will also be a virtual Christmas hymn sing! This is an informal opportunity to relax, enjoy some uplifting music, and to strengthen our faith and hope in Christ during these very challenging times in our lives.

We need your help! ANY talent is welcome...vocal or instrumental, young or young at heart! Proper social distancing protocols will be followed. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this fun outreach opportunity. For more information or to add your talent to the program, please contact Brian Neukomm at 815-263-5134 by **Friday, November 20th**.

Our Savior Lutheran is on Facebook!

In case you didn't know, Our Savior Lutheran Church is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OurSaviorLutheran. There you will find daily posts of inspirational scripture verses, meeting reminders, and other pertinent information. Coming in December, the Sunday School children will be presenting the 12 Days Before Christmas, a collection of stories, songs, and scripture to prepare your hearts and your minds for the birth of Christ that will only be available for viewing on our Facebook page. You will also be able to view our Facebook live event coming in December. If you haven't liked our page yet, do it today! Also, share it with your friends and invite them to like our page too! You don't know what you're missing!

Christmas Care Packages for College Students

Dorcas Society / LWML will be hosting the Christmas Care Packages for our College Students again this Christmas season. If you would like to include a sweet treat, a gas card or a card of encouragement; to let them know they are in your prayers during final's week and throughout the school year, their gift bags will be located in the Narthex. Please have all of your well wishes and goodies in the care packages by Sunday, December 13, 2020. If you need suggestions or have questions, please feel free to contact Theta Lee or Kendra Morts.

Top Dog and Community Engagement Specialist Needed

Our Savior's Mahlah Ministry is in need of a Top Dog from Our Savior Lutheran Church. The Top Dog and Community Engagement Specialist will attend Lutheran Church Charities provided training at the location provided by LCC. The Top Dog will hold 1-2 monthly meetings focusing on getting to know the handlers, ministry partners, informational meetings, outreach and team building strategies. Top Dog will also hold 1-2 monthly meetings with the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, oversee the scheduling of LCC K-9 Comfort Dog, monitor the schedule, and monitor the caregivers and handlers responsibilities. Additional Top Dog responsibilities and characteristics

include Faith, people skills, personal attributes and organizational skills. If this sounds like an opportunity for you, please contact Susan Yergler at 815-383-2570 or Dean Lingley.

Junior High Youth Group Fellowship

On Sunday, November 22, 2020, we will have OSLC Youth Group for the 6th-8th graders. Youth Group will be from 4-6 p.m. I plan on having Bible Study, worshiping, and playing SARDINES..... They have been requesting this game for some time now. Please bring \$5 for pizza and pop. Please let me know if your youth will be attending.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

On Thanksgiving Day, before the turkey is out of the oven and before the football game begins, please join your church family in giving thanks to the Lord for all of the blessings that He showers down upon us.

A Divine Service, complete with the Lord's Supper, will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am.

Worship Services Reminders

As a reminder, the 9a service requires masks to be worn properly (**covering both the nose and the mouth**) by everyone and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to with every other pew available and hymnals will not be used. During the 11a service, masks are optional but the social distancing guidelines will continue to be followed. Please direct questions and concerns to Dean Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Bob Storm or Doug Morgeson. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Streaming with Our Savior

As a reminder, we will be streaming both services, 9am and 11am, each Sunday. Visit our website at oursaviormilford.com, click the Media tab, Live Audio Stream. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin, newsletter, or prayer request, please send to the church office by this Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"To be sure, our God Father does not give the vocation of a large family to everyone. (And, of course, any quantity of family and offspring He bestows is a great benefit.) But we need not despise proliferation the way the world does. Indeed, we may appreciate and assist our brothers and sisters who engage in this holy (and delightful!) calling. And we may also raise our young ones to cherish procreation and adoption more than any personal preferences or material possessions. The blessings of children always outweigh even the burdens!" *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

November 15 – November 21

Those celebrating a birthday:

Zane Trumann	Monday
Jim Knake	Tuesday
Kelly Smith	Thursday
Linda Brazel	Friday
Stacie Trumann	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Jeff and Becky Bridge	Wednesday (1 year)
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Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Donna Morts, grandmother of Ethan, Emma and Evelyn Morts

All those affected by the recent natural disasters

We pray for all those suffering and working to recover from the effects of Hurricanes Laura, Sally, Delta, Zeta, Eta and all Relief Workers and Agencies who are striving to serve those in need.

We pray for those suffering and working to recover from the effects of the wildfires that continue on the west coast.

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus, those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines

Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey

Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens

Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals

Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community

Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith

Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes

Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm

Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms

Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson

Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles

Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner

Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner

Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens

Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith

Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach

Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef

Judy Miller –friend of Erica Anderson

Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

The OSLC Congregation - as we continue the Call process by which God will provide a new Pastor

Tyler Walworth and family – as they consider a call to OSLC

Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns

Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns

Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns

Cora Armatrout –OSLC member, health concerns

Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles

Don Budreau – father of Brenda Mowrey and grandfather of Cody, Caley and Cassidy Mowrey, hospitalization

Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns

Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns

Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues

Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns

Bernean Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns

Rev. Raymond and Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns

Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues

Ethel Lucht – OSLC member, health concerns

Pam Menard and family - sister of Cora Armatrout, Covid19

Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall

Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery

Bertha Parsons – OSLC member, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues

Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition

Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues

Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's

Randall Schleef – OSLC member, Covid 19

Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident

Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns

Julie Towers – OSLC member

Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout

Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, kidney dialysis and awaiting heart transplant

Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement,

especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army

Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army

Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy

Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's

Deputy and Milford Police Department

Corey Moore –OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp

Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer

Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei

our “adopted” international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic

