He has delivered us from the domain of darkness ... to the kingdom of His beloved Son

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so carefully hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given to us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 20, 2022 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service III – *LSB 184*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

LSB 516



Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

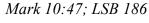
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

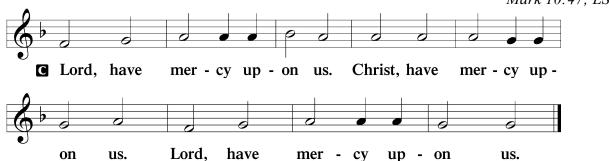
 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++





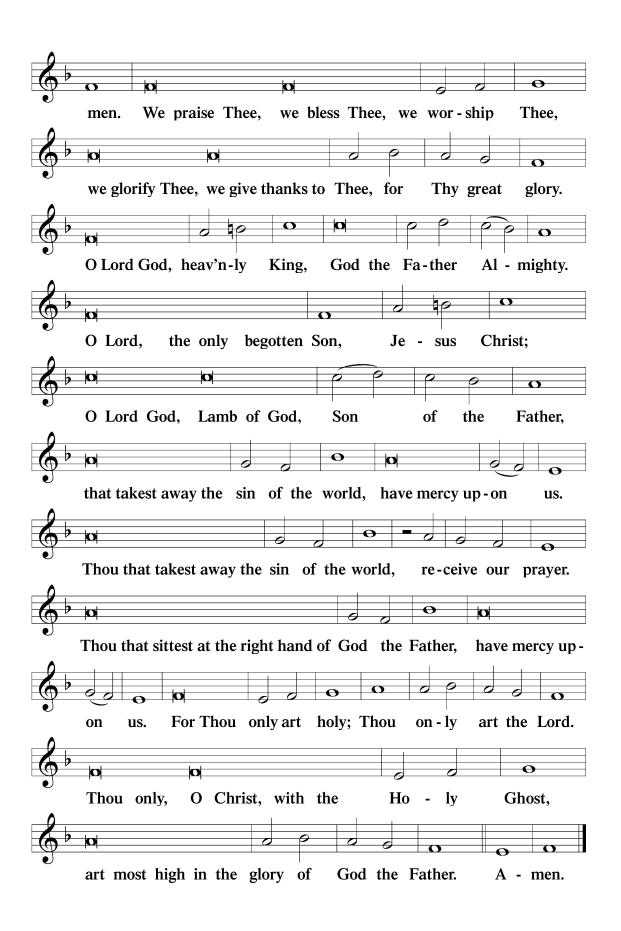


Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward



Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷"They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7



The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,* though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of the | Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;* he utters his voice, the | earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Come, behold the works | of the LORD,* how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots | with fire.

"Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!"

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Epistle Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Nicene Creed LSB 191

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

LSB 534



Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12; LSB 192



Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. (This QR code points there.)

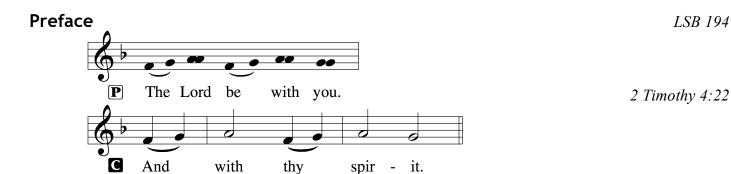


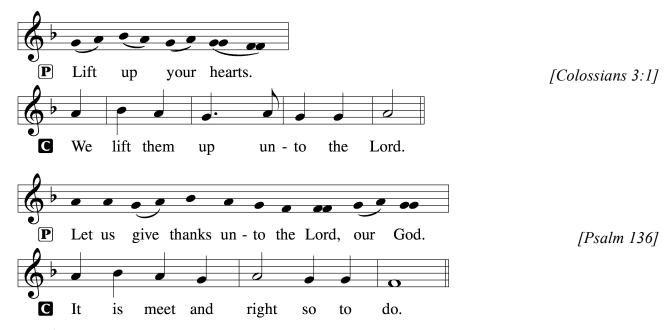
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Stand

Prayer of the Church

+++Service of the Sacrament+++





Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:



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

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 197

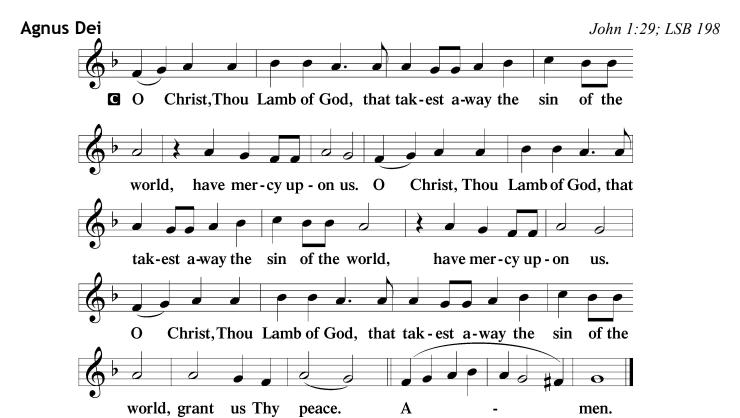
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 John 20:19

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

Sit



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold open their hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 680 LSB 610

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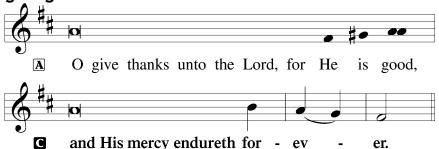
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 199





Psalm 107:1; LSB 200



Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

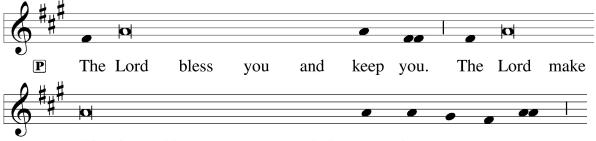
C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

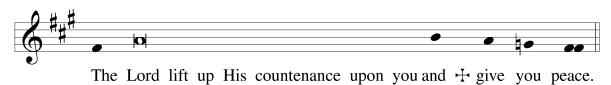
2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1



Benediction Numbers 6:24-26



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.





Recessional Hymn

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

LSB 454



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Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K-5th graders from Room 113.

Sr. & Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study.

Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. Then, with Sandy Ehrett in Room 122.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 115.

Are you looking for a fun way to serve our congregation?

Sign up to be a greeter! We are looking especially for volunteers who regularly attend the 8 a.m. service. Please email Catherine Borck at caborck@gmail.com if you are interested.

Voters' Meeting December 4, 2022

Please plan to attend our semi-annual voters' meeting. Topics covered will be the English District partnership, budget, financial update and the state of the parish.

Last Chance to Purchase Christmas Concert Tickets

There are a few tickets remaining for the Dallas Symphony's Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. If you missed the opportunity to sign up for this event, please contact Gail Senter at 972-672-5769 or gail.senter@verizon.net by Wednesday, November 23. Tickets are \$40 each.

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up in the narthex.

EDUARD L. ARNDT

Pioneer Missionary to China

BORN: DECEMBER 19, 1864 Pomerania, Germany

DIED: APRIL 17, 1929 Hankow, China

DUARD ARNOT CAME FROM A FAMILY WITH A LONG LUTHERAN HISTORY. Born in Germany, Eduard would continue that tradition in the United States and even farther afield, as a pioneering Lutheran missionary in China.

Eduard's family immigrated to America while he was a child. Growing up in Chicago, he attended Lutheran schools. He studied at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and later at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1885. He was founding pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Mich., serving for twelve years before being called as the first professor of science at Concordia College, St. Paul in 1897. While there he was also pastor at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church.

In 1912, Arndt undertook an endeavor that would change his life and have a significant impact on Lutheran missions. He organized the China Mission Society and made plans to head to the Far East with his wife and their four children. They arrived in January 1913 and started work. Immediately, Arndt dedicated himself to learning Mandarin, the Chinese language spoken in Hankow (the modern-day city of Wuhan) in east-central China. He learned quickly, and was reading the Bible and the catechism and writing letters in Chinese within two months. Three months later, Arndt was preaching in Chinese.

Back in the United States, the China Mission Society grew in numbers. Soon hundreds of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod pastors, teachers and congregations were supporting the mission work in China. This support would be critical to the work of bringing the Gospel to the Chinese people

and to meet the financial needs of the work there for years to come.

Arndt established several mission stations and schools in Hankow. With the assistance of the Synod, this work expanded in 1917. Arndt preached and taught God's Word to the Chinese and translated sermons and hymns for services. He was a busy missionary, instructing in the basics of the Christian faith, baptizing children and adults — sometimes entire families — and producing Gospel tracts. Within a few years, additional missionaries and their families arrived in Hankow to assist Arndt with the work.

Arndt valued education, and schools became one of the most important means of bringing the Gospel message to the Chinese people. He operated five schools, teaching children Bible stories, the catechism and singing, as well as reading and writing.

Dedicated to the mission cause in China and its proclamation of the Gospel there, Eduard Arndt died in 1929. He served the Church with his last efforts, and he will be remembered as a mission preacher, teacher and pathfinder. He is buried in the international cemetery in Hankow.

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit *lcms.org/175*.

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DISCOVER MORE

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What is the "Sunday of the Fulfillment"?

The Sunday of the Fulfillment, which is the last Sunday in the Church Year, is the day we celebrate and look forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus on the Last Day in time.

Why do we celebrate it?

Have you ever had to wait for a really exciting gift that you've always wanted? What was it like when you finally received the gift? The waiting may have been difficult, but when you finally

received the gift, it made all of the waiting seem
"fulfilled" or complete. As Christians, we
are eagerly waiting for our Lord Jesus
to return. When he returns, as
Scripture says, He will take
His people to be with Him
in His glorious Kingdom
forever. Now that
is something to
celebrate and be
excited about!



Parents: At home, discuss with your children what will happen when Jesus returns. Take time to read through portions of Matthew 24 and 25. Remind them that in Baptism Jesus makes us His people. Through faith in Him, we live as Christians patiently awaiting His return.



Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Laura Swor

Altar Guild:

Nancy Cawood, Beverly Moudy
Elders:

Mike Kunschke, Greg Moudy
Greeter:

Don Bunger, Mark and Kathy Plagens

Ushers: Dave Peters, Joel Crumrine Sound: Kaitlyn Hacker, Doug Hite

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Nov. 20, 2022

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Sunday School

(K-5th Gr, Room 113)

Sr & Jr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Special Needs Class (Room 114) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)

10:45 am Late Worship Service 12:30 pm Jr. Confirmation 5:00 pm Youth Night

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25 *Office Closed*



Next Sunday's Readings November 27, 2022

Old Testament: Is. 2:1-5

Epistle: Rom. 13:(8–10) 11–14

Gospel: Matt. 21:1–11 or

Matt. 24:36-44



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Alex Duff and Catherine Borck in loving memory of their grandparents; and by Nora Parrent in thanksgiving for her church family.

Angel Tree

Our Angels this Christmas are children from the EKids After School Program. This is a program for under-served children living in apartments in Carrollton and Rockwall. The program is Christ-centered, under the direction of Pastor Jaime Gonzalez and his wife Fabiana Santos. Please select a child and their wish list. Sign your name next to theirs on the master list. Shop, and then wrap the gifts, keeping multiple gifts for the same person together and label. Return the gifts to church by December 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Carter.



About the Cover: Behold We were once under the oppressive darkness of our sin, lost and unable to free ourselves. Yet God in His mercy sent Christ, who entered into the darkness of the cross and brought it into the contrast of His marvelous light. This light simply has used the cross to show us the depths to which He will go for us. In His kingdom, we can see clearly who our Lord is, our merciful Savior.