"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, LUTHERAN CHURCH and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create. CHURCH STAFF Rev. Mark Bersche, Pastor 405 .464 .5848 | Pastor@stjohnsmoore.life LEAVE MESSAGE Lacy Urban, Webmaster & Administrative Assistant 405.794.5462 | Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life Dr. Craig Sproat, Music 405.312.3235 | jcsproatjr@yahoo.com LaRhonda Richards, School Principal 405.794.8686 | lrichards@sj-ls.org Thomas Kuter, Elder of the Month ohn's Matthew McBee, Assisting Elder Lenny Mosher, Custodian Lutheran Church & School

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November 24th, 2019 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year

PRELUDE: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" Johann Sebastian Bach (Text for meditation: LSB # 516)

Stand

OPENING HYMN: "The World Is Very Evil"

- The world is very evil,
 The times are waxing late;
 Be sober and keep vigil,
 The Judge is at the gate;
 The Judge who comes in mercy,
 The Judge who comes with might,
 To terminate the evil,
 To diadem the right.
- Arise, arise, good Christian,
 Let right to wrong succeed;
 Let penitential sorrow
 To heav'nly gladness lead
 To light that hath no evening,
 That knows no moon nor sun,
 The light so new and golden,
 The light that is but one.
- Brief life is here our portion;
 Brief sorrow, short-lived care;
 The life that knows no ending,
 The tearless life is there.
 O happy retribution:
 Short toil, eternal rest;
 For mortals and for sinners
 A mansion with the blest!
- And now we fight the battle,
 But then shall wear the crown
 Of full and everlasting
 And passionless renown;
 And now we watch and struggle,
 And now we live in hope,
 And Zion in her anguish
 With Babylon must cope.
- 5 But He whom now we trust in Shall then be seen and known; And they that know and see Him Shall have Him for their own. And there is David's fountain And life in fullest glow; And there the light is golden, And milk and honey flow.

O home of fadeless splendor,
Of flow'rs that bear no thorn,
Where they shall dwell as children
Who here as exiles mourn.
Midst pow'r that knows no limit,
Where knowledge has no bound,
The beatific vision
Shall glad the saints around.

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 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.
- **P**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- PI said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- PO almighty God, merciful Father,
- C 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

(Antiphon, Jer. 29:11, 12, 14; Ps. 85:1-2, 12)

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,* plans for welfare and not for | evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will | hear you.* I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all | places.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;* you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your | people;* you covered | all their sin.

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,* and our land will yield its | increase.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

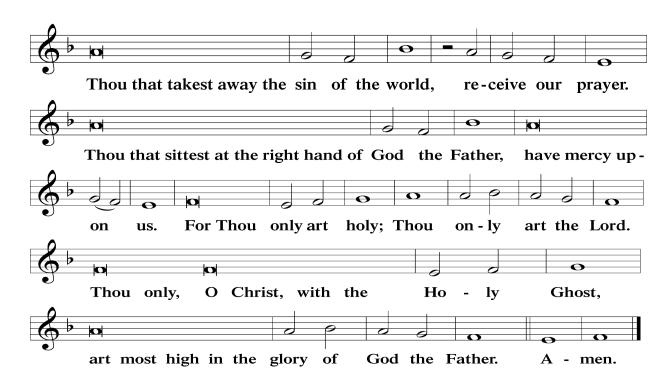
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,* plans for welfare and not for evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will | hear you.* I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all | places.







COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



- PLet us pray.
- **P**O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree

shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 45

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses | to the king;* my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured up- on your

lips;*

therefore God has blessed you for- | ever.

Gird your sword on your thigh, O | mighty one,* in your splendor and | majesty!

In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and | righteousness;*

let your right hand teach you | awesome deeds!

Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's | enemies;* the peoples fall | under you.

Your throne, O God, is forever and | ever.*

The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;

You have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.*

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- panions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.* From ivory palaces stringed instruments | make you glad;

daughters of kings are among your ladies of | honor;* at your right hand stands the queen in gold of | Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and in- | cline your ear:* forget your people and your | father's house,

and the king will desire your | beauty.* Since he is your lord, | bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your fa- | vor with gifts,* the richest of the | people.

All glorious is the princess in her | chamber,* with robes interwoven | with gold.

In many-colored robes she is led | to the king,* with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

With joy and gladness they are | led along* as they enter the palace of the king.

In place of your fathers shall | be your sons;* you will make them princes in | all the earth.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;* therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While 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. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But 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. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.



[Jesus said:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom

came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

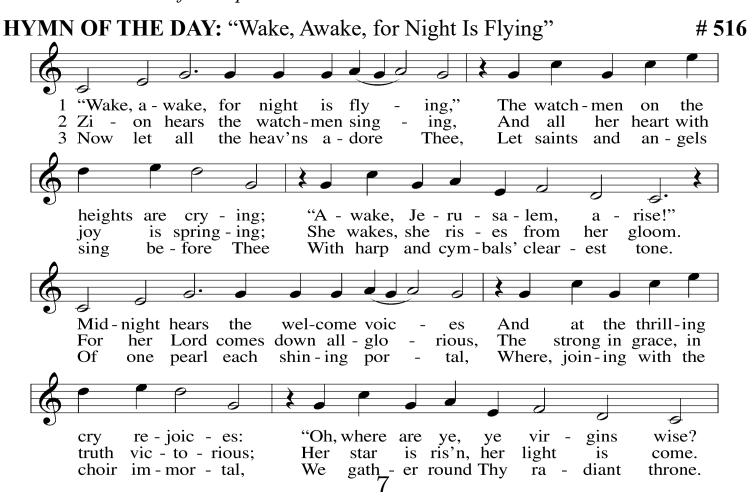
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life +

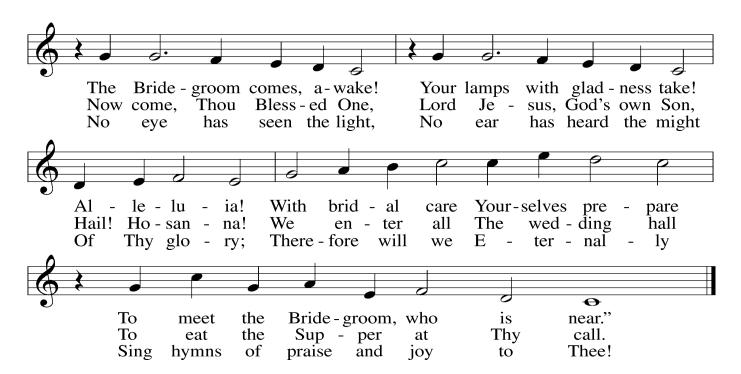
everlasting. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

At this time, please give ushers your prayer request cards and fill out the Welcome Cards located in the back of each pew.





SERMON

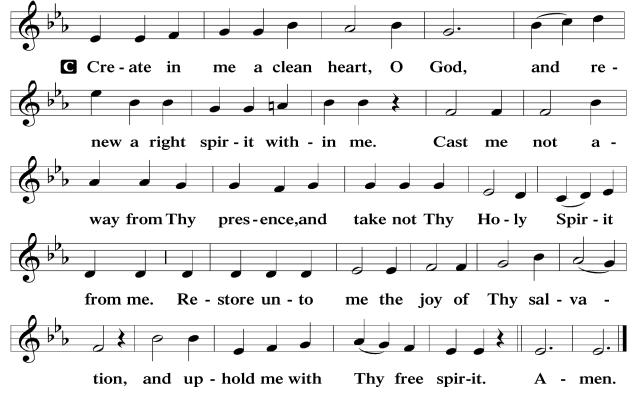
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VOTIVE

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY



OFFERING

Music: "Behold, a Host Arrayed in White"

Charles W. Ore

(Text for meditation: see the Closing Hymn)

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



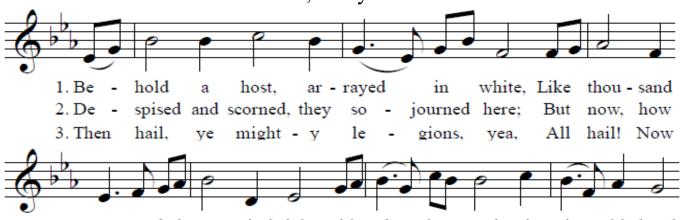
BENEDICTION

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.



CLOSING HYMN: "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"



snow-clad mountainsbright, With palms they stand. Who is this band glo - rious they ap-pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, a priest - ly band, safe and blest for aye, And praise the Lord, who with His Word



POSTLUDE: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Johann Walther

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In Our Prayers

Jennifer Chana: (friend of Roggow family) She is a missionary in Mozambic; after giving birth developed Thrombocytopenia. Needs assistance with even the most simple tasks.

Lenny Mosher: Colonoscopy revealed an abscess in his stomach

Kelly Gibbons: After being taken by ambulance to OU medical center for a possible seizure she has recovered.

Family of Joe Warfield: Killed when hit by a car while running. He was a beloved friend of many runners in the OKC area.

Jeremy McCain: (Barbara Erickson's grandson) In hospital for internal bleeding. Deb Hartmann: Had successful surgery last Tuesday, cancer treatment should begin

Peter O'Loughlin: Continued prayers for his back and legs.

Carmen Harris: Her nephew Erick needs a heart transplant. He is weak and only 35 years old.

Michelle Gallery: At age 52 has Leukemia and other illnesses and her husband Tony has diabetes type 2.

Thank you from Bryan and Keah Payne to Matthew McBee who ran to raise money and also to those who contributed money to our needs.

Thank you very much you are all very much appreciated.

Assistance Needed:

Jennifer Chana has run an orphanage in Mozambic for the last 20 years. Recently she gave birth by a planned C-section and developed a condition known as Thrombocytopenia (ITP). After being released from the hospital she has great difficulty doing even simple tasks relying greatly on her husband and others.

A Go Fund Me account has been set up with needs. help deal her Gofundme.com Mozambic missionary mom's medical expenses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Save the date...

The children will be practicing for their Christmas Program during Sunday School on December 1st and the 8th.

Also, we will practice on Saturday the 7th at 1:00 and Saturday the 14th at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.

Our Program will be during the Sunday School hour on the 15th. Please come and celebrate with our Sunday School children as they share the story of our Savior's Birth.

Finally, the children will have a " Happy Birthday Jesus Party" following the Program.

It will be held in the School Gymnasium.

Announcements



December 7TH, 2019 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Join us for Breakfast with Santa

Pictures with Santa

* Make a keepsake Christmas Ornament*

* Write a Letter to Santa*

Christmas Story with an Elf

St. John's Lutheran Church
1032 NW 12th Street, Moore, OK 73160
Breakfast and activities will be located in school gym

INASMUCH PROJECT!

For our November inasmuch project we will be collecting for the regional food bank. Please bring nonperishable foods. Examples include, but are not limited to: Canned Meats, Canned Tuna and Salmon, Peanut Butter, Jelly (no glass), Canned or Dry Soups, canned Stews and Chili, Tea Bags, Coffee (ground no beans), Canned Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta, Hot and Cold Cereals, Rice, Cake Mixes, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Powdered Milk, Juice Boxes, Canned Juices, Canned Beans, Canned Gravy, Granulated Sugar, Baby Food & Cereal (glass jars accepted), Baby Formula (Enfamil/Similac), Granola Bars, Cereal Bars.



We will be having our

Thanksgiving Meal Today at 5:30

in the school gym.

We ask that everyone bring 2 sides
We also need four Turkey bakers
Turkey will be supplied
{this also includes making stuffing and gravy}



Kitchen Project

We are needing \$12-13K to complete the kitchen remodeling project. The additional funding will pay for a new stove, counter tops, exhaust hood, and hardware for the new kitchen cabinets. Please donate what you can to help us complete this project. Thank you for your support.

~The Kitchen Committee



Get to know your church family

Get Involved, Make a Difference.

| WHAT | WHEN | WHERE |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Bible Study w/ Pastor Bersche | Sundays, 9:15am | Library |
| Grounded: Current Issues | Sundays, 9:15am | Library |
| Sunday School | Sundays, 9:15am | School |
| Youth Group | Sundays, 9:15am | School |
| Handbell Choir | Mondays, 5:45pm | Sanctuary |
| Choir | Mondays, 6:45pm | Choir Loft |
| Tuesday Night Bible Class | Tuesdays, 6:00pm | Blanchard Hall |
| | (we skip the 1st Tuesday of each month) | |
| Senior Saints | 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month | Blanchard Hall |
| WOW: Women of the Word | Tuesdays, 2:00pm | Library |
| LWML | 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm | Blanchard Hall |
| Mission Board | 2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00pm | Library |
| Quilters | Wednesdays, 9:00am-11:00am | Blanchard Hall |
| Wednesday Bible Study | Wednesdays, 11:00am | Library |
| Young Adult Bible Study | Sundays, 09:15am | School |
| In Christ Alone Bible Study | Thursdays, 7:00pm | Varies |
| Men's Bible Study | 3rd Saturday every month, 08:00am | Blanchard Hall |

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!

Happy Anniversary!

<u>December 1st</u> Bret & Rhonda Tollers

Happy Birthday!

November 25th: Lynn Barker

November 26th: Gregory OLoughlin

November 29th: Justin Straka, Rachel Flake

November 30th: Sam Christopher

Missing Birthday or Anniversary? Email Lacy at: Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life We may not have a Family Record Form on file or it may need to be updated.



This Week's Altar Flowers were donated in memory of Dixie Manek.

ST. JOHN'S HEAT & AIR FUND

Several of our old heat and air units here at the church really need to be replaced as soon as possible, in order to do that \$61,300 will need to be collected and put into the heat and air Fund. Considering we have about 125 active members, that would average to about \$500 per person. If you would like to donate please mark envelopes "St. John's heat & air fund"

Our current fund only has about \$10,000, but if systems don't get replaced soon that money will quickly get depleted as we pay to maintain our old heat & air units. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Please and Thank you! ~Ricco

\$61,3000

LWML SAVE THE DATE:

LWML Ladies and girls Christmas party
Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 pm
bring snack food.

LWML Cookie Sale
Sunday, December 15

ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, November 13th

06:30pm: 18

Sunday, November 17th

09:00am: 108

Children's Sunday School: 22

STEWARDSHIP

No Updates yet.

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?

We have listening devices that will help you to concentrate on the worship service and also shut out surrounding noise distractions. If you would like to try one you may speak to Larry Urish, Beverly Eskew, or one of the Elders. They will be very happy to help you try a listening device at one of our worship services.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

A cry room with speakers is provided in the back of the sanctuary during both services.

ALTAR FLOWERS

See the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. You may purchase one or two vases at \$20 each. Just fill out the envelope, include your payment and the dedication, then drop it in the collection plate. If needed, there are temporary containers in the Sacristy for you to borrow so that you may take flowers home. However, please remember to bring back our flower containers so that we may reuse them. Thank you!

St. John's Lutheran Church

For the Week of November 24th, 2019 - December 1st, 2019

Sunday

November 24th

Worship Service

09:00am, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Following the service

Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

Children's Sunday School

Following the service

ALTAR GUILD

Dawn Brouwer, Wendy Bersche, & Kathleen Peck

ATTENTION!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, WE WILL TEMPORARILY BE HAVING

ONE SUNDAY SERVICE AT 9:00AM

WE WILL ALSO BE HAV-ING COMMUNION ON JUST THE 1ST, 3RD, AND 5TH SUNDAY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
WILL FOLLOW
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE SERVICE
THANK YOU FOR
UNDERSTANDING.

Monday

November 25th

Handbell Rehearsal

05:45pm, Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal

06:45pm, Choir Loft

Tuesday

November 26th

Tuesday Night Bible Study

06:00pm, Library

Wednesday

November 27th

School Chapel

09:00am, School Gym

Quilters

09:00am-11:00am, Blanchard Hall

Bible Study

Cancelled until further notice

Worship Service

06:30pm, Sanctuary

Share your thankfulness Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday, December 3.

You have the opportunity to share your blessings by contributing to the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Grants. Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Your donation can help reach them and will be matched by two committed donors on Giving Tuesday. Donate online at <a href="https://linear.com/linear.co

Sunday

December 1st

Worship Service: Communion

09:00am, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Following the service

Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

Children's Sunday School

Following the service

USHERS

1st Sunday of the Month

J. Groh, M. Mathews, C. Corey, S. Lake

2nd Sunday of the Month

M. Tolman, S. Frazier, C. Corey, L. Urish, J. Olson, S. Christopher, C. Karner

3rd Sunday of the Month

J. O'Laughlin, R. Barker, B. Baird, R. Brensdal, S. Reynolds, K. Wilson, R. Malson

4th Sunday of the Month

R. Picione, P. Shurow, G. Hinrichs, L. Grummer, T. Kuter

Floaters

R. Harpham & F. Reichert

(If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday with your contribution.)