



ST. JOHN'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

"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."

THESSALONIANS 5



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PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: “The World Is Very Evil”

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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!
- 4 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.

- 6 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.

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 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.

P I 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.

P O 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.

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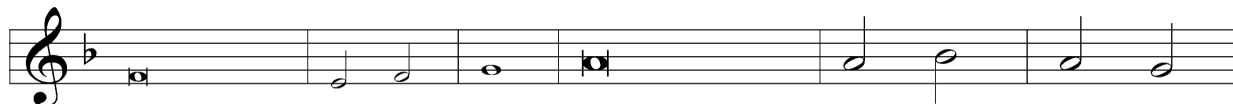


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

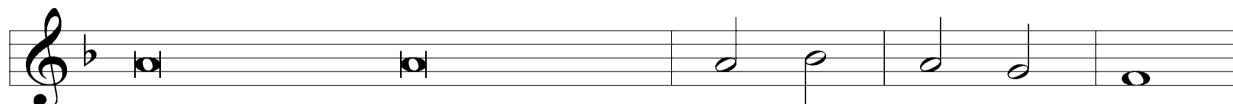
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



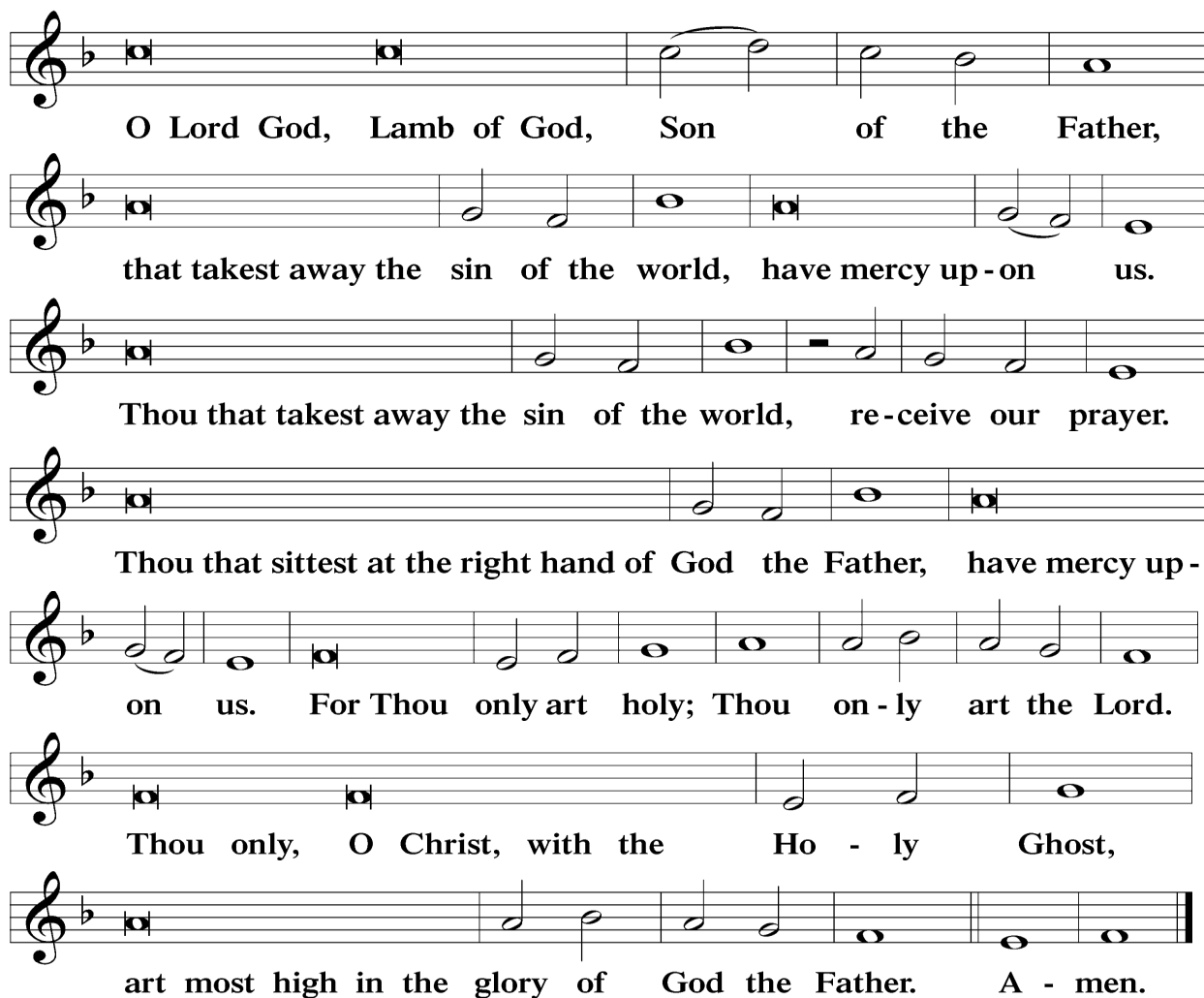
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And 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. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

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

The 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. A 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth
| and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.**

You return | man to dust*
and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"

**For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
or as a watch | in the night.**

You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
**in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.**

For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
by your wrath we | are dismayed.

**You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.**

For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

**The 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.**

Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

So teach us to number | our days*

that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Return, O LORD! | How long?*

Have pity on your | servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your | steadfast love,*

that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have af- | flicted us,*

and for as many years as we have seen | evil.

Let your work be shown to your | servants,*

and your glorious power to their | children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands up- | on us;*

yes, establish the work | of our hands!

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.



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 25th chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And 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.’ His 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.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His 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.’ He 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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For 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. And 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.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

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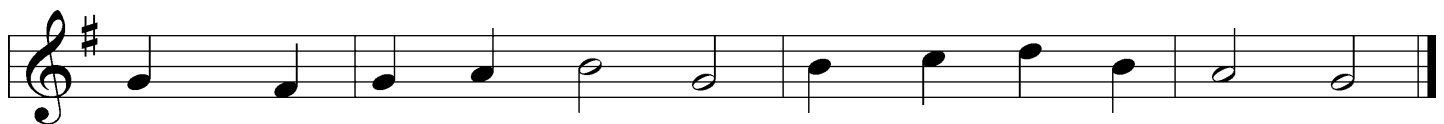
- 1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
- 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
- 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea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

SERMON

Stand

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

A 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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN: "Jerusalem the Golden"

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blessed,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not,
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.
- 3 There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.
- 4 For thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep.
The mention of thy glory
Is unction to the breast
And medicine in sickness
And love and life and rest.

- 5 O one, O only mansion,
 O Paradise of joy,
 Where tears are ever banished
 And smiles have no alloy!
 The Lamb is all thy splendor,
 The Crucified thy praise;
 His laud and benediction
 Thy ransomed people raise.
- 6 With jasper glow thy bulwarks,
 Thy streets with em'rals blaze;
 The sardius and the topaz
 Unite in thee their rays;
 Thine ageless walls are bonded
 With amethyst unpriced;
 The saints build up thy fabric,
 The cornerstone is Christ.
- 7 Thou hast no shore, fair ocean;
 Thou hast no time, bright day,
 Dear fountain of refreshment
 To pilgrims far away!
 Upon the Rock of Ages
 they raise thy holy tower;
 Thine is the victor's laurel
 And thine the golden dower.
- 8 O sweet and blessed country,
 The home of God's elect!
 O sweet and blessed country
 That eager hearts expect!
 Jesus, in mercy bring us
 To that dear land of rest,
 Who art, with God the Father
 And Spirit, ever blest.

POSTLUDE

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Tom & Barbara Kuter: Prayer of thanksgiving as they are grandparents again. Their daughter Brenda gave birth to a boy, Wesley Bynum, 7 lbs, 7 oz. Both mother and child are doing well.

Paul: Tom Kuter's brother who is recovering from hip surgery.

Karen Karner: Recovering from bronchitis. She is quarantined as one of her students tested positive, but Karen herself tested negative.

Family of Ron Bersche: Died due to congestive heart failure.

Paula: Knee replacement surgery.

Patrick Halstead: Paramedic in Oregon injured while on duty back in September, recovering from surgery for his left leg. His right leg is currently healing as well, and he will be laid up for about 6 months.

Jo Ann Walker: Rex Barker's sister who is now on Hospice.

Darwin Walker: Rex Barker's brother in law with dementia.

God's Truth: To be shown to all concerning the election results. Pray that God reveals his will, and for his protection in the name of Jesus.

Dena Grummer: (Grandmother of Emily Benter & Steve Self) passed from COVID19 Thursday November 12th.

"To our church family, thank you very much for your prayers. I'd also like to thank my wife, my family, and co-workers during my recovery. Also, to Shirley who sent flowers. You are all in my thoughts and prayers."

~Al Cardwell

Daily Readings: Page 299 to 304 in LSB

November 15• Jeremiah 30:1-24; Matthew 26:57-75

November 16• Jeremiah 31:1-34; Matthew 27:1-10

November 17• Jeremiah 33:1-22; Matthew 27:11-32

November 18• Jeremiah 37:1-21; Matthew 27:33-56

November 19• Jeremiah 38:1-28; Matthew 27:57-66

November 20• Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 28:1-20

November 21• Daniel 2:1-23; Revelation 18:1-24

November 22• Daniel 2:24-49; Revelation 19:1-21

November 23• Daniel 3:1-30; Revelation 20:1-15

November 24• Daniel 4:1-37; Revelation 21:1-8

November 25• Daniel 5:1-30; Revelation 21:9-27

November 26• Daniel 6:1-28; Revelation 22:1-21

November 27• Isaiah 1:1-28; 1 Peter 1:1-12

November 28• Isaiah 2:1-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6, 2020 Voter's Meeting

Our next Voter's meeting will take place on December 6, 2020, immediately after late service. The proposed 2021 budget will be presented for vote. If you are aware of any subjects that need to be included in the December meeting agenda, please advise Carl Karner at:

carlkarner@hotmail.com by December 1.

The next regular meeting will take place during the first quarter of 2021.

Our constitution requires a quorum be present to validate the meeting. It also provides for those who are unable to attend due to illness be excused from quorum count by notifying an Elder. If you are unable to attend due to sickness or quarantine, please notify an Elder to enable the meeting to meet the quorum requirements.

LWML Inasmuch November Project

Stock the Pantry at Oklahoma City Educare Oklahoma City Educare, Sunbeam Family Services, provides a food pantry for their families who experience food insecurities. LWML has been asked to help stock their food pantry before the Thanksgiving holidays. Please consider contributing any of the following for these families:

- ♥ Canned meats (any meats or fish)
- ♥ Canned fruits and vegetables
- ♥ Dry cereals

*Thank you for your support of LWML's
Inasmuch projects*

Thank you

*To everyone for their wonderful
prayers while the Graumann
Family was infected with
COVID19.*

~Shirley Graumann

ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, October 21st

06:30pm: 12

Sunday, October 25th

08:00am: 29 ~ 10:30am: 41

Wednesday, October 28th

06:30pm: Service Cancelled

Sunday, November 1st

08:00am: 24 ~ 10:30am: 37

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, October 25th- \$10,572.00

Wednesday, October 21st- \$25.00

Sunday, November 1st- \$7,755.13

Kitchen Update- \$2,795.94 ; when the last final expenses are made to finish this project; any remaining funds raised will go towards reimbursing Van Gelder fund for loan on appliances purchases.

A/C Update- \$29,332.94; but we are still pending the meeting on funds spent on School A/C.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Get Involved, Make a Difference.

Sunday School	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Youth Group	Sundays, 9:15am	Luther's Lounge
Handbell Choir	Mondays, 05:45pm	Sanctuary
Choir	Mondays, 06:45pm	Choir Loft
Tuesday Night Bible Class	Tuesdays, 6:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Senior Saints	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Blanchard Hall
LWML	November 10th at 6:30pm	Blanchard Hall
Mission Board	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Library
Quilters	CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Blanchard Hall
Wednesday Bible Study	Wednesdays, 11:00am	Sanctuary
Men's Bible Study	The 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00am	Blanchard Hall

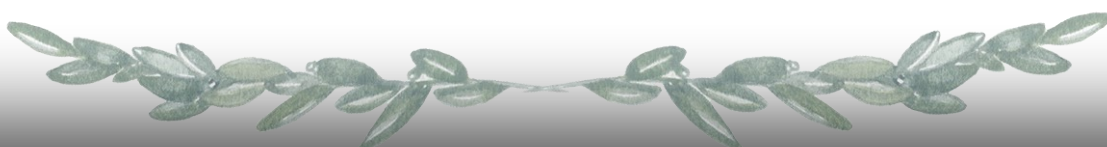
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REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November 21st
Norma & Rick Musgrove

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 15th: Bruce Baird
November 19th: Garry Hinrichs
November 21st: Doris Benson, Jonathan Roggow





ATTENTION:

**Our Sunday Service,
Wednesday Service,
and all other church activities
have been cancelled
through November 25th.**