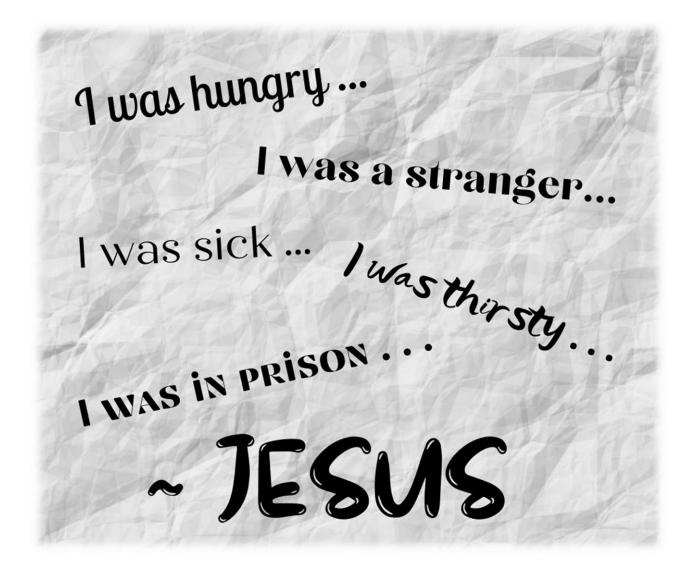
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 22, 2020

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

O Worship the King: Variations for Organ on

Hanover

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord
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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

HYMN

Oh, Worship the King

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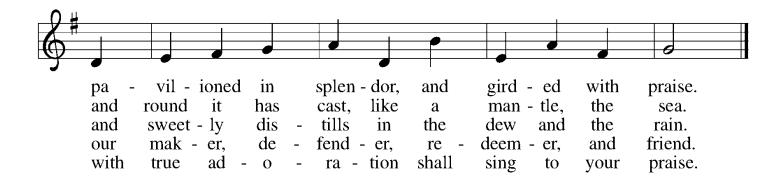


- King, Oh, wor - ship the all glo - rious bove. a The earth with of won - ders told. 2 its store un
- 3 Your boun ti ful care what tongue can re cite?
- 4 Frail chil dren of dust, and fee ble as frail,
- 5 O mea sure less might, in ef fa ble love,



grate - ful - ly Oh. God's pow - er sing love; and Al - might - y, old; your pow'r has found - ed of breathes in the air, it shines the light, in It fail; in you do we trust, nor find you to while an gels de light to hymn you a bove,





GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.







you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from

the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

³For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

^{7a}For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule

and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

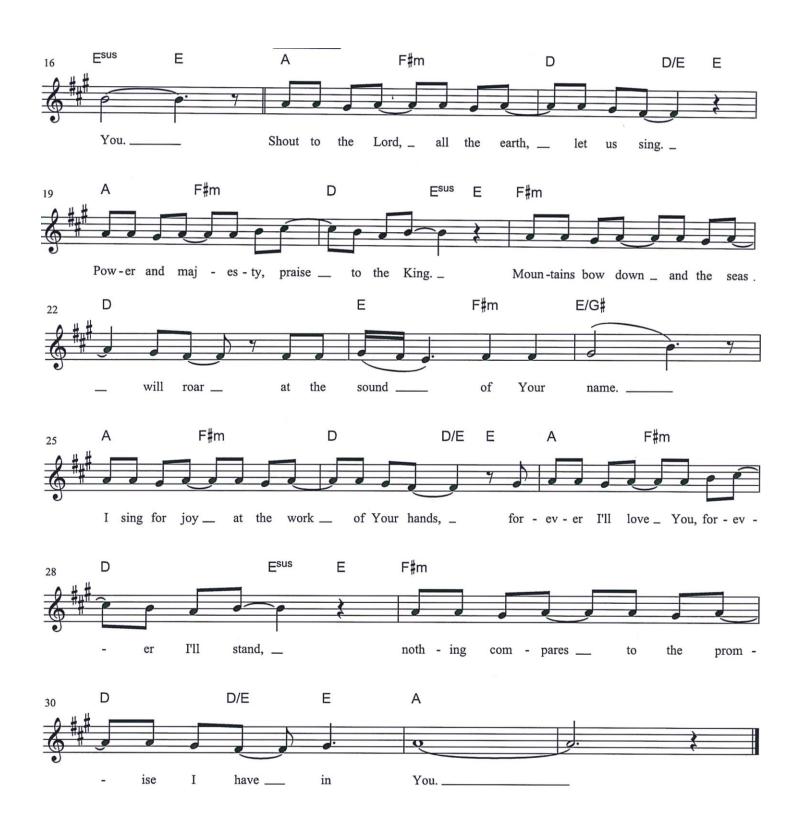
Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

I was hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, a stranger, in prison... ~ Jesus





APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The Prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

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Good, Good Father

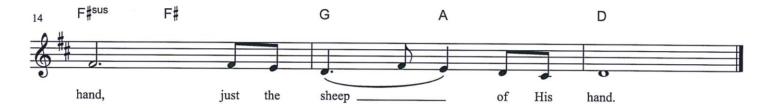
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down





OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.
God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

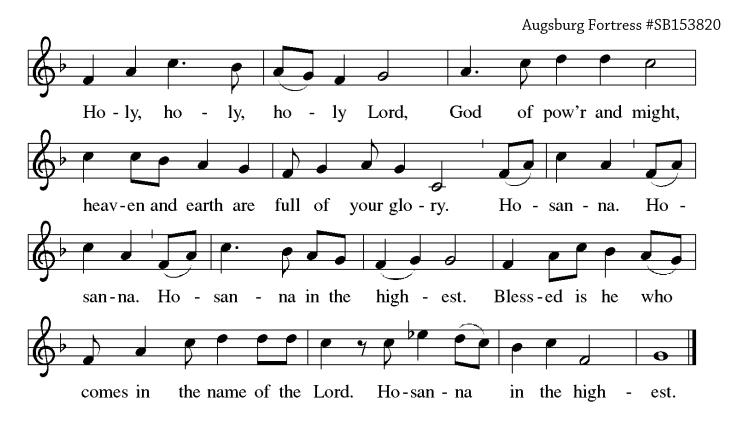
The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread and we drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. *Come, Holy Spirit*.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

December 6th next Drive-In Communion from 10:30-12:00. You are invited to call the church office and schedule an additional time to receive communion.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

Crown him the Lord

HYMN

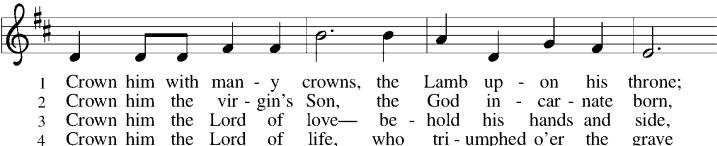
Crown Him with Many Crowns

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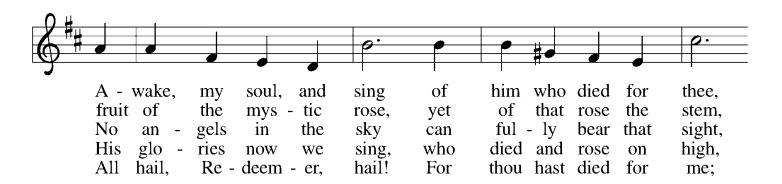
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DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Jerry Westtenkuehler ©2001 HW Gray

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of the birthday of Jerry Price, Sr., November 17th by the Price families.



In lieu of purchasing poinsettias this year, the Worship and Music Team will sponsor a Christmas bulletin. The dedication bulletin is a way to honor or remember a loved one. These funds will support Mt. Hermon Funds for the Arts. Along with your

check/cash, please include "in honor of/in memory of" and who the dedication is given by. Please mail or drop your information by the church by **Sunday**, **December 13**th to be included in the Christmas bulletins on December 20th and Christmas Eve.



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You are Invited to help others this Christmas season



Free Garage Sale - Friday, December 4th

Due to COVID 19 and social distancing restrictions, this year's garage sale will be different. COATS are the only clothing item we will accept this year. Items needed in good condition are: toys, linens, baby items, pots, pans, dishes, tools, lamps, bikes, furniture, jewelry, decorations, etc.

- <u>Drop off items</u> by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.
- <u>Help sort donated items</u> Tables are set up in the Fellowship Hall and labeled to assist with sorting.
- <u>Volunteer</u> to help Friday, December 4th 9:00 am 1:00pm.

When dropping off items, please use the sign in sheet in the Church office, then enter the Fellowship Hall through the glass doors to drop off items.

*Any clothes already at the church will be donated to other local charities such as: Mission Lexington, Salvation Army, Local Schools' Clothes Closets.

Please let Diane Boulware know if you have questions or need assistance.

The Angel Tree

Go to www.WeAre MtHermon.com and click on the link. Choose a child (i.e. 3A). Call or email Diane Boulware at MtHOutreach@gmail.com or call the church office. You will receive a confirmation regarding your child.

You may also make monetary donations to: Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church – memo line: Angel Tree.



Tithes, and Offering for 11/15/2020 Live Stream Worship – 125+ In-person Worship/Communion - 33 Drive-In Communion – n/a due to Annual Meeting

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,285.40
Building Improvement	Received	\$380.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,690.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$0.00
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$6,491.85

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

To the glory of God and in memory of Papa Bethea on his birthday by Margie, Myra, Carl & brothers

In memory of Jimmy Mills by Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Annette Price In memory of Tommy Roof by Parker & Diane Boulware, Annette Price In memory of Glenn Smith by Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony

In memory of my grandma, Lynn Rae Ellisor, on her 100th birthday today by Robin Ellisor

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!



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Or you may give from our website at www.mthlc.com and select *Online Giving* http://www.mthlc.com/online-giving.html

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Carolina Gardens

Alberta Berry, home

Hazel Bockus, Carolina Gardens

Nell Buff, home

Lila Catt, home

Margie Hook, home

Becky Koon, home

Rev. Everette Price, home

June Roof, *Rapha* Tom Roof, *home*

Lois Watson, Lexington Place

Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Jane Sexton Jo Leach

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Lois Moore & family, family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman

Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Don Morris, father of Keith Morris

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott

Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Sherri Crapps, sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton

Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley

Eric Powell, friend of Kim Fulmer

Jason Wardlaw, friend of congregation

Andrew & Candice Coleman, friends of Erica Conklin

David Hydrick, cousin of Buddy Hydrick

Clara Shultz, friend of Sheila Starkey

Debbie Smith & family, niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman

Sarah Hiltz, granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam

Richard Lindler, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Robert Lindler, father of Cassie Swygert

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Harold & Mary Prater, parents of Ray Prater

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Floyd Fuller, uncle of David Marsh

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb Bucknam

Ted Franklin, cousin of Cyndi Leaphart

Kathy Brown, friend of congregation

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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 22nd Christ the King Sunday

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom 3:00 pm Confirmation (Students)

Wednesday, November 25th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Ann Bouknight & Annette Price) 12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Thursday, November 26th – Saturday, November 28th
Office and Food Pantry Closed - Thanksgiving

