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+ Last Sunday of the Church Year +
Service of Prayer & Preaching
November 20, 2022

As We Gather: By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

Hymn 'There Is an Hour of Peaceful Rest'

TLH 617



1 There is an hour of peace-ful rest To mourn-ing wan-d'rers
 2 There is a home for wea-ry souls, By sin and sor-row
 3 There faith lifts up the tear-less eye, To bright-er pros-pects
 4 There fra-grant flow'rs im-mor-tal bloom, And joys su-preme are



giv'n; There is a joy for souls dis-trest, A balm for
 driv'n,— When tossed on life's tem-pes-tuous shoals, When storms a-
 giv'n, And views the tem-pest pass-ing by, The eve-ning
 giv'n; There rays di-vine dis-perse the gloom; Be-yond the



ev-'ry wound-ed breast: 'Tis found a-bove— in heav'n.
 - rise and o-cean rolls, And all is drear—but heav'n.
 shad-ows quick-ly fly, And all se-rene— in heav'n.
 con-fines of the tomb Ap-pears the dawn of heav'n.

Text: William B. Tappan, 1818, alt.; William B. Tappan, 1818, alt.

Tune: Celestial Harps, Edinburgh, 1824; Celestial Harps, Edinburgh, 1824

Text and tune: Public domain

Opening Versicles

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,




make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

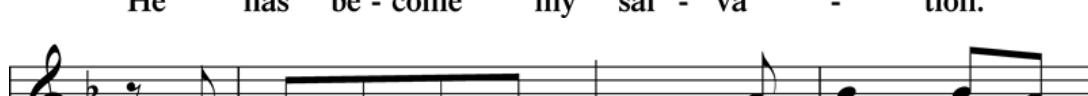
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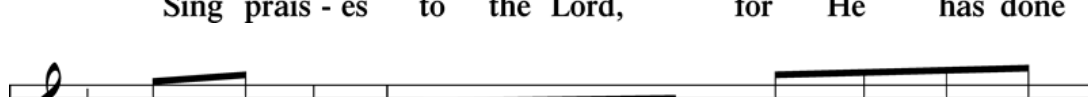
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

17“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
18But 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.
19I 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.
20No 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.
21They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
22They 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.
23They 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.
24Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
25The 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.**

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with |
singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my
days;*

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my life-
time is as nothing be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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.

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Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you
have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves
are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. 3While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then
sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon
a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in
darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you
are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night
or of the darkness.

6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Matthew 25:1–13

1[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10And 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. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory: Common

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where our glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.

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.

Sermon

‘Don’t Worry, Everything Is Fine’

1 Thess. 5:1-11

Sermon Hymn ‘Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying’

LSB 516



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly

To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

'God's Word Is Our Great Heritage'

LSB 582

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.

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Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

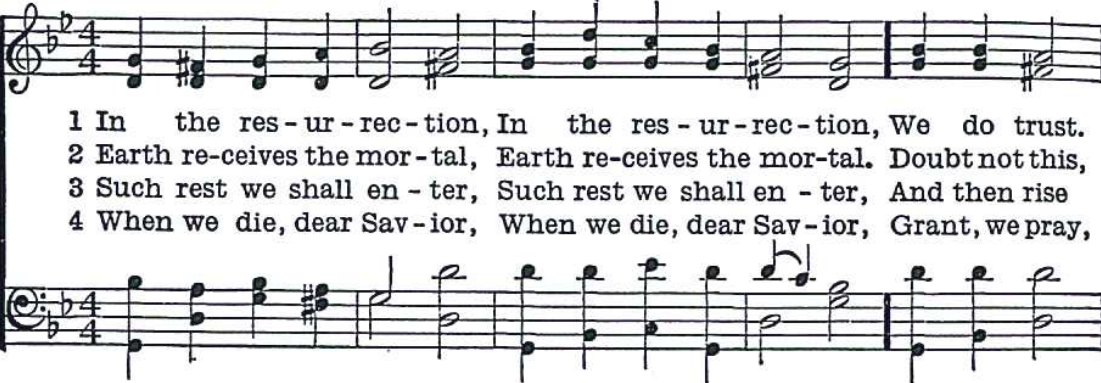
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P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the
Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

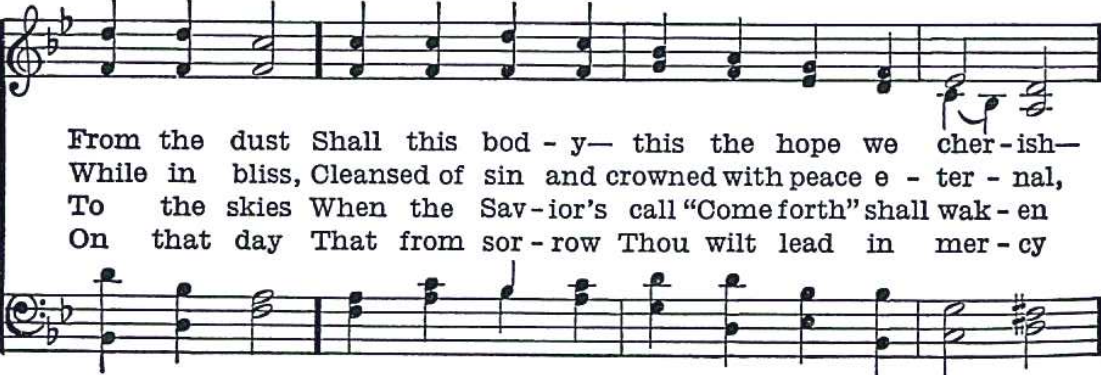
C Amen.

Closing Hymn 'In the Resurrection'

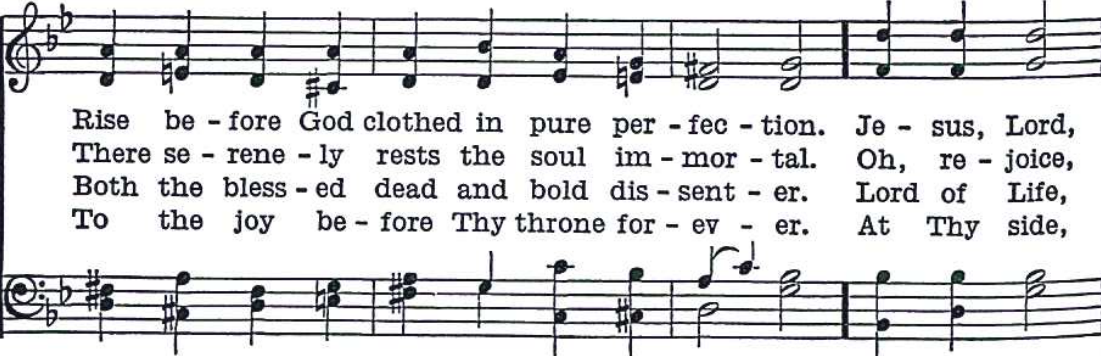
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1 In the res-ur-rec-tion, In the res-ur-rec-tion, We do trust.
2 Earth re-ceives the mor-tal, Earth re-ceives the mor-tal. Doubt not this,
3 Such rest we shall en-ter, Such rest we shall en-ter, And then rise
4 When we die, dear Sav-ior, When we die, dear Sav-ior, Grant, we pray,



From the dust Shall this bod-y— this the hope we cher-ish—
While in bliss, Cleansed of sin and crowned with peace e-ter-nal,
To the skies When the Sav-ior's call "Come forth" shall wak-en
On that day That from sor-row Thou wilt lead in mer-cy



Rise be-fore God clothed in pure per-fec-tion. Je-sus, Lord,
There se-rene-ly rests the soul im-mor-tal. Oh, re-joice,
Both the bless-ed dead and bold dis-sent-er. Lord of Life,
To the joy be-fore Thy throne for-ev-er. At Thy side,



Help af-ford; Oh, save us lest we per-ish!
Prais-es voice— 'Tis saved from foes in-fer-nal.
In our strife Oh, leave us not for-sak-en!
Glo-ri-fied, Oh, may we ev-er praise Thee! A-men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Jeremiah 23:5–8, Romans 13:8–14 and Matthew 21:1–9.

Stewardship: Matthew 25:2 – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.” A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

Ushers: We are in need of volunteers to be on a list of ushers for next year. It will be a dedicated list much like the Altar Guild. Stop by the entryway table to sign up! Thanks!

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Building Healthy Families for Nov 20th: Reflect for a moment on your life over the past year. How have you seen God working? For what are you most thankful? Now that you're aware of His many blessings, here's one final question: how do you plan to show your gratitude? “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1 Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for Nov 20th: “In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near.” James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James www.lutheransforlife.org

VANCO: Those currently giving electronically, if you wish to make changes to your online giving for next year, please inform the church secretary by December 11th.

Pastor will be in Minnesota Wednesday-Friday. If a need arises, please contact an Elder or Pastor's cell 507-829-3901.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind's bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? Prayer: *King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Nov 27th: Hear “Freshly Fallen Snow” based on Isaiah 2:1-5 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow, fresh starts, and three kinds of beauty. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY MORNING... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship will lead us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy will lead us through the one-year lectionary. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 11/27—12/3 is **Kaloupek/Kelting**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/4—12/10 is **Kracht**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine ASAP or at least by the Thursday before the week you are scheduled to clean.

Birthdays

Tuesday...Chezlie Johnson

Thursday...Tyler Routier

Baptismal Birthdays

Thursday...Emily Loudon & Pastor Koepp

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Our Gifts to God for the Week of Nov 13, 2022

Attendance	57
General Fund	\$5295.00
Missions	\$320.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	9:00am 10:30am	Last Sunday of the Church Year Bible Study Christmas Program Practice Greeter: Christinson Usher: Dan Huebner Servers: Evonne Kadera/Amanda Wyatt Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Cole Elder: Darlo Kelting
Mon.	11:30am 1:00pm 6-8pm	LWML Board of Evangelism & Missions Meeting Pastor in class
Tues.	10:30-12:30 3:00-5:00pm	Pastor in class Pastor in class
Wed.		No Confirmation
Wed-Fri		Pastor in MN
Thurs.		No Bible Study
Next Sun.	9:00am 10:30am	1st Sunday in Advent Bible Study Christmas Program Practice Usher: Terry Stanek Servers: Marrina Kaloupek/Laurie Harms Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Elizabeth Elder: Steve Haase Food Pantry Sunday



Christmas Giving...The Evangelism Board will not be doing Christmas Share with Second Mile this year. They have 114 families and all of their needs have been filled in a matter of days.

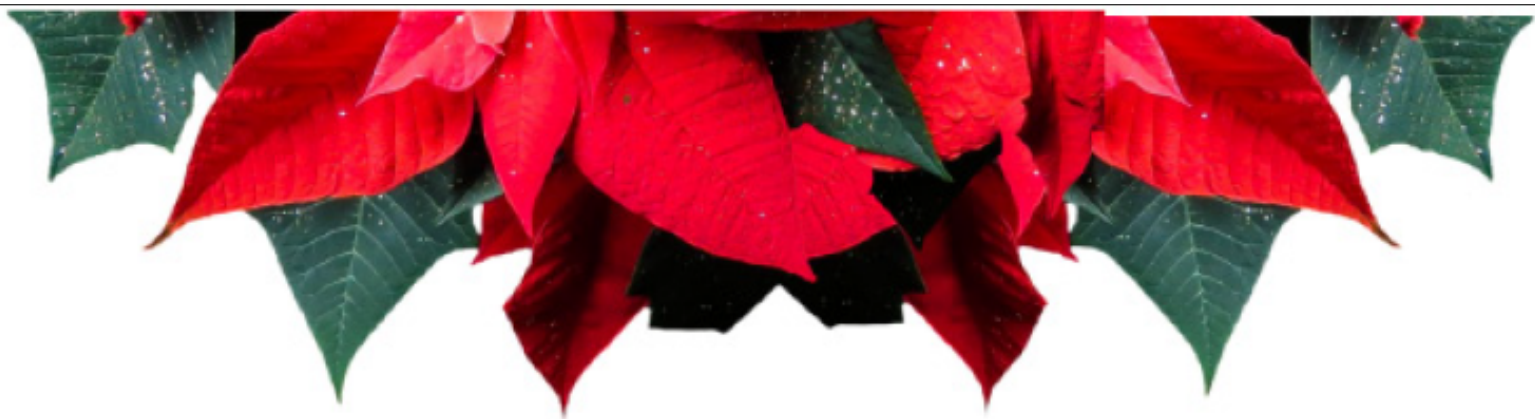
Wonderful! Awesome!

Great news though, Immanuel will be having a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall starting December 1st to collect 'Children's' stocking hats for Orphan Grain Train. All hats need to be collected by **December 18th** for distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Evangelism~

Dianna Kelting
June Routier
Pam Haase





It's that time of year again! Every year we adorn our altar area with poinsettias for Christmas. A poinsettia may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be displayed for the Christmas Eve Service. You may take the plant(s) you ordered home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Orders need to be placed by December 11th

Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Checks should be made payable to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church' with 'Poinsettia' in the memo line.

Place your order by filling out the order form along with payment and return in the offering basket at church by Dec. 11th Order forms are available on the entryway table.





Mid-Week Advent Services

A meal will be served before each service from 5:00-6:15pm

Wednesday, November 30th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 7th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14th — 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 21st — 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18th — 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 24th — 4:00pm

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day Divine Service

Sunday, December 25th — 9:00am

New Year's Eve Divine Service

Saturday, December 31st — 4:00pm

