

**Our Mission...** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to the changing of lives through Jesus Christ by helping others find salvation in Jesus Christ.

The GRASS  
withereth & the  
FLOWERS fall,  
but the Word  
of our God  
endures FOREVER.

Isaiah 40:8

**AS WE GATHER** Our focus today is “Embracing a Commitment to God’s Word.” The Bible is a great treasure for us as it is the preserved account of God, His people, and the growth of His Kingdom. It tells us about the assurance of forgiveness for all sins and the eternal life we have through faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible, with the help of the Holy Spirit, helps us grow in our relationship with our Heavenly Father and in the knowledge of Him. For this growth to occur, we need to spend time reading and studying God’s Word. It is incumbent upon us to manage our time well so time is made available for us to mediate on His Word. Filled with His Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God’s life-saving message with others, as we go and make disciples.

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS AND WELCOME

#### HYMN

“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

LSB 698

May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father’s will  
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow’r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 9:15*

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,  
People: “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Pastor: Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,  
People: **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**     *Hebrews 9:22, 26b*

Pastor: Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . . But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by repenting of our sin.

All: **Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     “Glory to God in the Highest”     LSB, p. 204

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name. we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, Your take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart felt cry,  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son, Jesus, 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.

People: **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**     Isaiah 40:1-8     *(The Word of the Lord endures forever.)*

**40** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?” “All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     2 Timothy 3:10-17     *(The Scriptures tell of God’s salvation in Jesus Christ.)*

<sup>10</sup>You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup>In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup>while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 14:15-27 *(Jesus encourages us to remember His words)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

<sup>22</sup> Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Thy Strong Word” LSB 578

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Thy strong Word be speaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

*(stand)* **God the Father, light creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

**SERMON** “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever” Isaiah 40:8

### **NICENE CREED**

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten  
of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God  
of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our  
salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy  
Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also  
for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the  
third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into  
heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come  
again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom  
will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, our confidence and hope of life everlasting, graciously hear our prayer for Your whole church everywhere in the world, especially for those who hold steadfast to Your Word and promises. Sustain all faithful pastors and missionaries with Your grace that they may deliver Your Word of salvation to all. Keep all Your people in peace and unity of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give all nations and especially our own country trustworthy leaders who look to You for Your guidance in all their decisions. Make their purpose to provide justice, peace, and freedom to all whom they have been called to serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As we all live in this world that is disfigured by sin, sickness, and death, give to all who call upon You for help in times of trouble, anxiety, or illness Your healing presence. We remember especially . . . . Help all who attend to those in need with Your strength and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all those who have faithfully served You in the past, the patriarchs and prophets, the evangelists and apostles, and all Your saints, we give You thanks. Though undeserving, grant us communion and fellowship with all those in heaven whose victory we celebrate while still in our journey. Give us the faith and confidence to remain steadfast until we hear Your call to enter Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*(Special petitions will be offered here.)*

Pastor: Graciously receive our prayers, O God. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING** *(Please sign the Friendship Register.)*

### ☩ SACRAMENT ☩

#### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB, p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

**All:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

#### **AGNUS DEI**

“Lamb of God”

LSB, p. 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

LSB 622

**Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning.**

**Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;  
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand.  
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

**We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.**

**Though reason cannot understand Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unailing.**

**Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.**

**Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.**

**For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.**

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heart felt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN** "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands 'Tis a delightful road  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

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# Sermon Outline

## “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”

Isaiah 40:8

**Introduction:** The hymn “Thy Strong Word” sounds like an old Reformation hymn. This beautiful hymn highlights two things that we want to think about today – the importance of God's Word for our daily lives and the commitment to sharing the Word of God in our church and school. The six stanzas of this hymn are a wonderful summary of Scripture.

**I. Creation By God's Strong Word.**

**II. The Fall into Sin and the Promise of a Savior.**

**III. The New Creation in Baptism Granting Us the Righteousness of Christ.**

**IV. The Cross of Jesus Brings Us into the Light of God's Kingdom.**

**V. We Share the Light of the Gospel with Those in Darkness.**

**VI. We Look Forward to Living in the Light of our God in Heaven.**

**Conclusion:** The encouragement for us today is to truly embrace the Word of God, the Light of God, on a daily basis. In any circumstance or situation of life, God speaks to us in His Word. Embrace the Word of God that is able to make you wise for salvation. Embrace the Word that brings peace and comfort and hope to your heart each day. The Word of God is truly “a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105).



# WEEKLY PRAYER SHEET

## November 10, 2024

“Pray continually in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:17-18)

I will pray for:

1. Those recovering from illness, injury, or surgery – Eunice Bachmeier, James Kruse, and Jadee Campbell.
2. Those receiving treatment for cancer – Joel Smith, Gail Tatro, Bonnie Gellert, and Ron Schroeder.
3. Those with long-term care needs – Jana McDonnell, Marcia Hottinger, Mario Carini, Eric Winn, Dennis Eiff, Betty Rasmussen, Carol Munz, Henrietta Cloyd, Marion Braatz, Tyler Yang, Odessa Flagg, Dylan Wangard, Herb Onasch, Beth Sellars, and Jonathan Tock, grandson of Mario and Karen Carini.
4. The President and other elected and appointed leaders of our nation, state, and communities, those who serve in the Armed Forces of our nation including Covenant member Jonathan Buck and Andrew Tock, grandson of Mario and Karen Carini; fire fighters and police officers who serve and protect our local communities.
5. The mission of the Church; missionaries Pastor David and Valerie Federwitz who are serving with Lutheran Bible Translators; Pastor Matt and Kali Wood who are back in Indonesia to continue their mission work there.
6. Those affected by natural disasters like hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, and floods, political unrest, victims of injustice, violence, and abuse; the poor and homeless, those affected by war in Ukraine and war in the Middle East.
7. Those celebrating birthdays this week: Emily Voigt, Suzanne Hurst, Malachi Borders, and Jen Weeks.
8. All veterans as our nation observes Veteran’s Day on Monday, November 11.
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*We pray that as we take advantage of God’s invitation, we will truly be a congregation that is Powerful in Prayer*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## November 10, 2024

### 🌀 WEEKLY CALENDAR 🌀

<b>WED</b>	8:30am 7:30pm	Northwest Chapel Dartball	<b>THURS</b>	7:00pm	Mission & Ministry Council Meeting
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<b>THURS</b>	10:00am	Bible Study	<b>FRI</b>	7:30pm	AA Meeting
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### 🌀 NEW THIS WEEK 🌀

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers have been given by Sandra Randazzo in loving memory of Joe.

#### STEWARDSHIP SERIES

Today we continue a three-week focus on Stewardship “Embracing Great Commission Stewardship.” Through Scripture readings, hymns, and the message each week, we will hear how God’s call to “Go *therefore and make disciples of all nations*” (Mt. 28:19) is a call from our Heavenly Father to live a life of stewardship in the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. On Sunday, November 17, we will have the opportunity to make a commitment to the work of the Lord at Covenant.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child boxes are still available to fill. Each box has a list of suggested items to fill the box. The deadline is Sunday, November 17. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your blessings with someone else and share the real meaning of Christmas! The shipping cost for each box is \$10. If you would like to help with that cost, any checks should be made out to Covenant Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ernst at 414-463-5009 or 414-915-8875 or email her at [Imernst@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Imernst@sbcglobal.net).

#### SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING – NOVEMBER 10

There will be a brief Voters’ Meeting after the worship service today. On September 29, the Voters approved the sale of the Northwest School property to LUMIN with a deed restriction that the property only be used for Christian education purposes. LCEF will not lend money to LUMIN with a deed restriction so we will revisit this issue today.

#### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Help beautify our Christmas services! Plants may be picked up for your personal use or gift-giving following the Christmas Day service, or they may be left at church for other holiday services. Order forms are in the narthex or scan the QR code to order online. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 8.

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## ☞ BIBLE STUDIES ☞

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God provides power and strength for our daily lives through His Word. All members and friends are invited to join a Bible study group.

“Book of Exodus”	led by Bob Zeman	8:30am
“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”	led by Tom Buck and Jess Hardel	8:30am
“Diggin’ Deep: Lessons of the Day”	led by Pastor Voigt	10:45am
“Jr. Conf.” (5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> gr.)	led by Karen Winefeld	10:45am
“Galatians”	led by Pastor Voigt	Thursday 10:00am

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## ☞ MEETINGS & EVENTS ☞

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### **NORTHWEST LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT – NOVEMBER 22**

Northwest Lutheran School has a new choir director. The students have been working hard to prepare songs for a choir concert on Friday, November 22, at 1:30 p.m. The concert will take place in our Covenant sanctuary. All members of Covenant are invited to attend!

### **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 27 & 28**

Join us to thank and praise God for His many blessings at our Thanksgiving worship services; Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30pm and Thursday, November 28, at 9:30am. We will celebrate Holy Communion at both Thanksgiving services. Please join us for this special time of worship!

### **COMMUNION SERVICE – DECEMBER 4**

The monthly communion service will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m. This will also serve as our Advent midweek service, with communion being offered. While this service is especially for those unable to attend Sunday mornings, everyone is welcome! We invite you to come for a time of worship, fellowship, and refreshments afterward.

### **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE – DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18**

Advent midweek services will take place on Wednesdays in December at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM, with supper served at 5:30 PM. The theme for our Advent worship is “The Word Made Flesh.” This series will remind us that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us through the description of physical substances we experience on earth.

### **ANNUAL VOTERS’ MEETING – DECEMBER 8**

The annual Voters’ Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, after the worship service at approximately 10:45 a.m. We will hear reports from the church staff, adopt a budget for 2025, and elect members to the Mission and Ministry Council. All members of Covenant are encouraged to attend. Please note that there will be no Pastor’s Bible Study or junior confirmation that day.

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## ☞ OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ☞

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### **HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS**

We will be collecting holiday food throughout November and December. There is a great need in our inner-city neighborhoods. All donations are taken to Mission of Christ for their monthly food pantry distribution. Please have holiday food donations by Sunday, December 8, to insure delivery before Christmas. Monetary donations are also very helpful. Please use the “Helping Hands” envelopes from the church narthex.

### **WINTER COAT & CLOTHING COLLECTION**

The members of Mission of Christ Lutheran Church distribute clothing and shoes to the people in their inner-city neighborhood. In the next few weeks, there will be a great need for winter clothing, jackets, coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and warm blankets. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the bin in the narthex. Thank You!!

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## ☞ GENERAL ☞

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### **HOLY COMMUNION**

We want all who commune with us to share our understanding of this sacrament; that Jesus offers His true body and blood for our forgiveness and salvation. (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.) If you are a visitor and wish to receive communion today, please speak with the pastor prior to the service. Gluten free wafers are available. We also offer alcohol-free wine for communion.

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**PREACHER:** Rev. Steve Voigt

**ORGANIST:** Bill Laesch

**A/V COORDINATOR:** Ca’Marion Colson

**READER:** Tom Buck

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Joel Johnson & Jerry Anson

**GREETERS:** Dale & Leann Meyer

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**ATTENDANCE:** Sunday, November 3 – 91; Wednesday, November 6 - 15

**COUNTERS:** Team 3

**OFFERINGS:** Current - \$4,470.00; Special - \$300.00; Needed Weekly - \$9,681.35