



# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 314-601-1039

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# THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## NOVEMBER 12, 2023

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

**P** = Pastor

**\*** = Stand

**C** = Congregation

#### Opening Voluntary

#### We Salute Our Veterans

*Armed Forces Medley*

Please stand when your branch of service is called.

The United States Army  
The United States Marines  
The United States Navy  
The United States Air Force  
The United States Coast Guard

#### \*Opening Hymn

#### LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

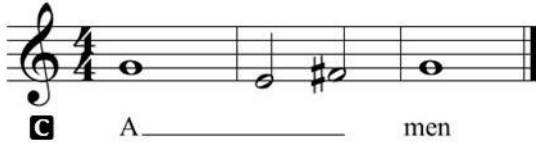


1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.

## \*Invocation

*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.



## \*Opening Sentences

*Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10*

**P** Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?

**C** **Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?**

**P** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

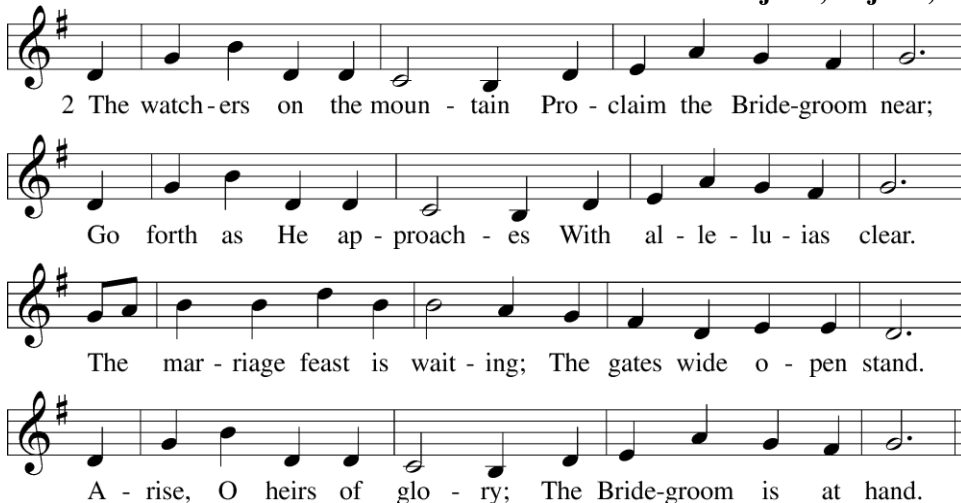
**C** **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.**

**P** At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

**C** **The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.**

## \*Hymn

### LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



## \*Confession

*Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.
- C** We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.
- P** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
- C** We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.
- P** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
- C** We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.


## \*Hymn

### LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor-row is no more.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
In tri-umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.

- P** But let justice roll down like waters,
- C** And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- P** And so we will always be with the Lord.
- C** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

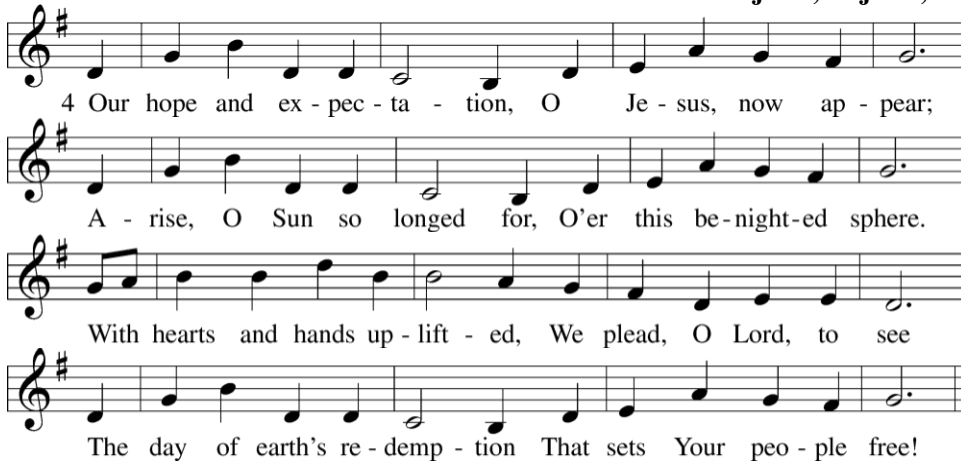
### \*Absolution

**P** In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

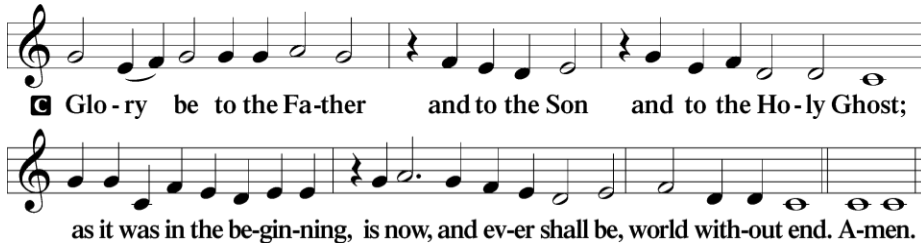


### \*Hymn

### LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



### \*Gloria Patri



### \*Kyrrie



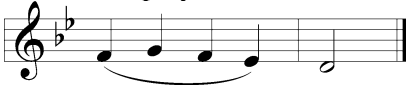
## \*Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. . .



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Alleluia** (5:00, 8:00, & 9:20)



**Anthem** (10:30)

*Keep Your Lamps*

Spiritual/Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Keep your children don't get weary, children don't get weary,  
children don't get weary 'til your work is done.*

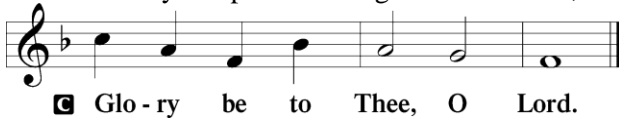
*Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over,  
Christian journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

**\*Holy Gospel**

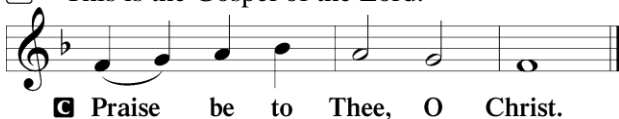
*Matthew 25:1-13*

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



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

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## \*Apostles' Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message

Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

## \*Hymn of The Day

## LSB 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.

## Sermon

“Let Justice Roll Down Like Water”

(Amos 5:18-24)

## Sermon Notes:

**Gathering of the Offering**     *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

**Offertory Anthem (10:30)**

*Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying*

J.S. Bach

*Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying: "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"*

*Here ye now, ere comes the morning,  
The midnight call of solemn warning: "He comes, O church, lift up thine eyes!"*

*Behold, the Bridegroom comes. Your lamps with gladness take!  
Alleluia, The feast prepare; Your Lord draws near. Go forth with joy to meet Him there.*

*Now let every tongue adore Thee. Let men and angels sing before Thee.  
Let harps and cymbals now unite.*

*All Thy gates with pearl are glorious Where we partake, through faith victorious.  
With angels 'round Thy Throne of light.*

*No mortal eye hath seen; No mortal ear hath heard such wondrous things;  
therefore, with joy our songs shall soar In Praise to God forevermore!*

**\*Offertory**

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.

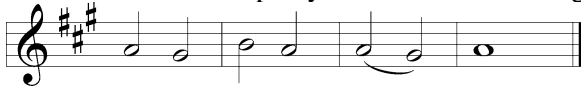
**\*Prayer of the Church**

### \*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.

### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### \*Hymn to Depart

### LSB 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.

### \*Silent Prayer

### Closing Voluntary

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Burnell Hackman; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir: Chancel Choir

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Uthoff/D. Gerfen/W. Schuessler

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Erik Lunsford, Ralph Wolters;

9:20: Aaron Baese, John Hooss; 10:30: Dave Carlson, Jonathan Gathman

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke

9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague, Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Paige Keiser, Lucie Wildman; 10:30: Ashton DeWitt, Hayden Wolaver

Greeters: 8:00: Jack & Paula Jeffcott; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

SPECIAL GUEST AT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING During the Adult Bible Study hour in Sanctuary Hall, Pastor Nathaniel Jensen will be discussing his work in Germany. Welcome home, Pastor!

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held tomorrow evening, Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., in Sanctuary Hall. The Assembly will be voting on the 2024 Budget. In preparation for the meeting, packets are available on the Commons Counter this weekend for your review.

THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL is November 30, December 1, 2, and 3. Businesses, families, and individuals who would like to support the festival financially may use the contribution form in the October or November Peace Lutheran or call Ralph and Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233. Reminder to all Boar's Head participants, rehearsals have begun. Please be on time for each rehearsal! TICKETS for the festival services are available now. (The Sunday 2:30 festival service has a waiting list.) Brochures and postcards are available on the Commons counter to use to share with your family and friends. Invite them to this wonderful festival! It is a great way to celebrate the Christmas season. Tickets can be reserved online at [www.peaceboarshead.org](http://www.peaceboarshead.org) or at [peacelutheranstl.org](http://peacelutheranstl.org).

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD Peace's Early Childhood program is looking for an Art Director. For more information, please contact Sue Velten at (314)892-8844 or email [earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org](mailto:earlychildhood@peacelutheranstl.org).

STONIE'S SAUSAGE SALE IS BACK Stop by the Commons counter now through January 1, between services, for delicious individually wrapped Stonie's Sausages! All proceeds benefit our Alaska mission work. For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeferlin.

GIVING TREES will be up again this year. Beginning November 18, two Christmas trees will adorn the front and back entrances at Peace. If you would like to participate, please take an ornament from one of the trees. Purchase the gift you have chosen and return it unwrapped to the tree outside of the church office by Sunday, December 10. The gifts will be given to Feed My People. Thank you in advance for your support of needy families.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR OUR LIVE KFUE BROADCASTS OF THE 8:00A.M. SERVICE have all been reserved. Thank you to all our gracious sponsors!

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST is today, Sunday, November 12, 7:30-10:30 a.m., in the gymnasium. Donations help support St. Trinity Cemetery, Scout Recharter fees and camping. As a thank you from the Scout organization, all Veterans eat free!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS The November Men's Club meeting will be a week early. It will be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. Men's Club will NOT be held in December. If you have any questions about Men's Club or the Tree Lot, please contact John Hoos.

MITE BOX SUNDAY is today, Sunday, November 12. A big THANK YOU to all who brought their mite boxes in and deposited them in the big Mite Box. If you forgot, we will have the big mite boxes out again the second Sunday of December. But today, please stop by the Commons Counter to receive a free Christmas Tree Ornament from Peace LWML.

OUR ANNUAL GERMAN SERVICE is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m. English helps will be provided. The service will be re-broadcast on AM 850 KFUE radio Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE – A NIGHT FOR OUR VIKINGS The biennial Dinner Auction for Green Park Lutheran School is Friday, March 8, 2024, at Royale Orleans. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, and more, visit [greenparklutheranschool.org/auction/](http://greenparklutheranschool.org/auction/).

LADIES CLUB will meet for our last gathering of the year this Tuesday, November 14, 7:00p.m. in Sanctuary Hall for "Mat Making & Fellowship". Come learn about the wonderful ministry the Plastic Mat Making group has supplied to our community over the years by learning how to crochet plastic mats for those in need. Bring to the November meeting: plastic grocery bags (approx. 50), a pair of scissors or a rotary cutter with a cutting mat. Look for emails from Ladies club for additional information such as donation items needed for November. Ladies Club is a social organization open to female members of Peace 18 and older. You may join the organization at any time, dues are \$12 per year.

USHERS ARE STILL NEEDED We are looking for men willing to serve on one of our usher teams. It is one of the easiest ways to serve in our congregation. Ushers typically serve only one Saturday/Sunday service per month with the exception of months with special services (e.g. Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) A sign-up sheet is on the Commons Counter. Please contact Barry Hammon at [barry.hammon@wwt.com](mailto:barry.hammon@wwt.com) if you have any questions.

THE MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT NEEDS YOUR HELP The tree lot will be opening on Friday, November 24, and will operate until Sunday, December 17, or until the trees are gone. Volunteers are needed for cashiers, selling, wrapping, and loading trees for customers. Shifts are as follows: Monday through Friday: 2:00-5:00 and 5:00-8:00; Saturdays: 9:00-noon, noon-3:00, 3:00-6:00, and 6:00-8:00; Sunday: noon-3:00, 3:00-6:00, and 6:00-8:00. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons. Questions? Contact John Hooss.

WREATH DECORATING Join us next Saturday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the unfinished area of the basement to decorate wreaths to be sold at the Men's Club Tree lot. A light lunch will be served at noon. Questions? Call Nancy Holdenried.

POINSETTIAS will decorate the Chancel December 9 – January 5 this Christmas season. Please fill out the order form below and place it, along with your check/cash in an envelope and place in the offering or mail to church. Place orders no later than THIS WEEKEND. Checks should be made payable to Peace Lutheran Church and earmarked "Poinsettia". Call Marilyn Rosenbaum at (314)846-4271 with questions.

✂----- Clip and place in offering -----

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH \$9.00 FOR ONLY ONE (1) POINSETTIA PER FAMILY**

(See the November Peace Lutheran for details.)

Circle: To the Glory of God / In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_



## Thanksgiving Worship Services

Wednesday, November 22 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 23 - 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion will be observed  
at both services

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**Sunday, November 12:** 7:30am – Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

9:15am – Baptism Class

11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club

6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play

**Monday, November 13:** 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith

3:30pm – Green Park Basketball

6:00pm – Church Council

6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball

7:00pm – Voters' Assembly

8:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 14:** 9:00am – Quilters

9:00am – Refit Exercise

5:00pm – Ladies Club Board Meeting

6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball

7:00pm – Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal

7:00pm – Boy Scout Eagle Board of Review

7:00pm – Ladies Club

**Wednesday, November 15:** 9:00am – TPL Newsletter Assembly

9:30am – Banner Committee

11:15am – Preschool Chapel

4:00pm – Junior Confirmation

6:30pm – High School Youth Group

7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**Thursday, November 16:** 6:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study

9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Study

10:45am – LWML Ladies Guild

6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball

6:45pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting

7:00pm – South County Republican Meeting

7:15pm – Boar's Head Festival Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 17:** 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith

**Saturday, November 18:** 10:00am – Wreath Decorating

6:00pm – Middle School Service Day

**Sunday, November 19:** 6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play



## Wreath Decorating

Saturday, November 18  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Unfinished Basement  
Lunch is provided

## Mark your calendars for Christmas Caroling!

Saturday, December 9  
10:00 a.m. – noon

Peace will be caroling in the surrounding neighborhoods. Song sheets will be provided.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and  
dress in festive, holiday attire.  
Food is provided for carolers.

